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for
OREGON

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— SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE
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TO RECIPIENTS OF COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEY AND WATER SUPPLY FORECAST REPORTS:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Fortunately, most of this precipitation falls as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from fore-knowledge of the runoff.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, about 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1300 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

By relating snow survey measurements taken over a period of years to spring-summer runoff during the same period, relationships have been developed which make it possible to forecast seasonal runoff several months in advance of occurrence. In order to make a forecast, once a forecast relationship has been developed, the maximum snow water content at previously selected key snow courses is usually entered in the forecast relationship. More accurate forecasts are often obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast relationships.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions.

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OTHER SNOW SURVEY REPORTS

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CALIFORNIA	MONTHLY (FEB.-MAY)	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

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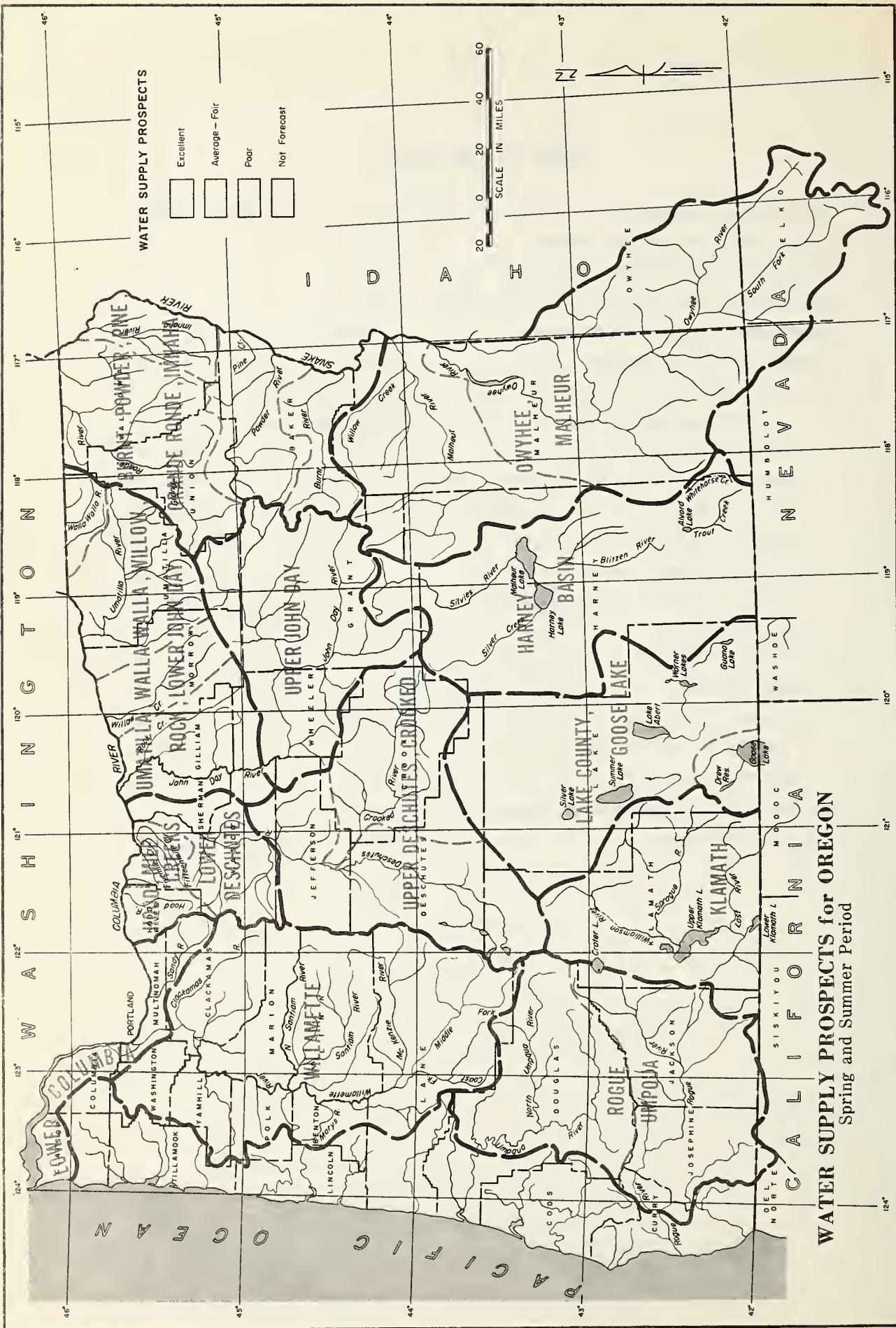
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK for OREGON

January 1, 1959

Outlook for Oregon's 1959 water supply, as of this early winter date, is not good. However, reservoird water supplies are excellent with most reservoirs holding well above average amounts. The mountain snow-pack averages a new record low according to current snow surveys.

SNOW-COVER:

Water content of mountain snow-cover in Oregon averages only 17 percent of the January 1 normal compared with 120 percent at this date last year. Although snow is in short supply throughout the state, it appears to be least short in the northeastern counties.

Normally, about 39 percent of the total winter's "snow crop" is accumulated by January 1. Thus far this year we have accumulated only 6 percent of the normal winter's "crop". Most of our major winter storms have brought rainfall rather than snowfall because of the unusually warm temperatures.

It is possible that future snow storms might "make up" the present shortage of snow. However, in only 4 out of the past 30 years has the snow-pack come up to normal by April or May 1st when it was much below normal on January 1.

SOIL-MOISTURE:

Mountain soils in the Cascades are satisfactorily wetted. In the mountainous regions of eastern Oregon the soils are only moderately wetted; conditions being generally somewhat better than last year.

RESERVOIRED WATER:

Stored water in 20 important irrigation reservoirs is now 132 percent of the average January 1 amount and slightly better than last year. All of these reservoirs now hold above normal water supplies with the exception of Agency Valley, Unity, and McKay which are somewhat below normal. Emigrant Gap Reservoir has been lowered for construction purposes.

A continuation of abnormally warm winter temperatures will favor a rapid runoff in all streams. This early runoff will fill reservoirs at earlier than normal dates.

PRECIPITATION:

State-wide precipitation¹ averages 73 percent normal at 13 valley stations for the October through December period. Precipitation has been only half normal or less in the vicinity of Enterprise, Burns, Nyssa, Lakeview, Klamath Falls and Medford. In most other places it has been nearer normal.

STREAMFLOW:

Present outlook for the 1959 April through September irrigation season is for

¹From preliminary data furnished by U.S. Weather Bureau, Portland, Oregon.

²From preliminary data furnished by U.S. Geological Survey, Portland, Oregon.

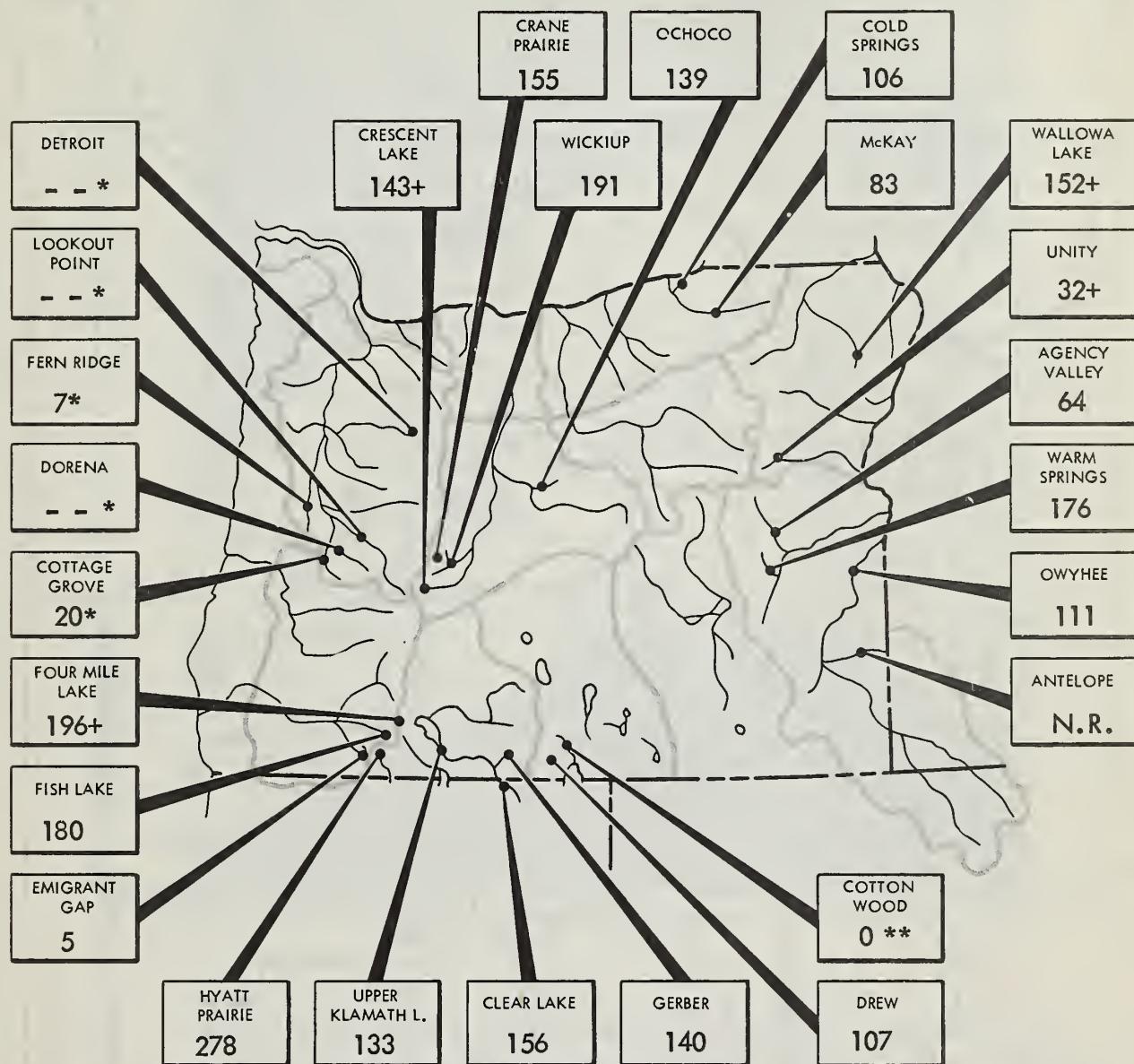
much below average streamflow unless succeeding winter storms produce much above average amounts of snow-stored water.

If winter temperatures continue to be abnormally high the resulting mid-winter runoff will reduce the total snow-pack and therefore leave a bad effect upon the water outlook for irrigated lands served from direct runoff.

Flow² of key Oregon streams during the period October through December has been highly varied with heaviest flows (134 percent normal) into Upper Klamath Lake and lowest flows in the Umpqua (56 percent) and the Rogue (78 percent).

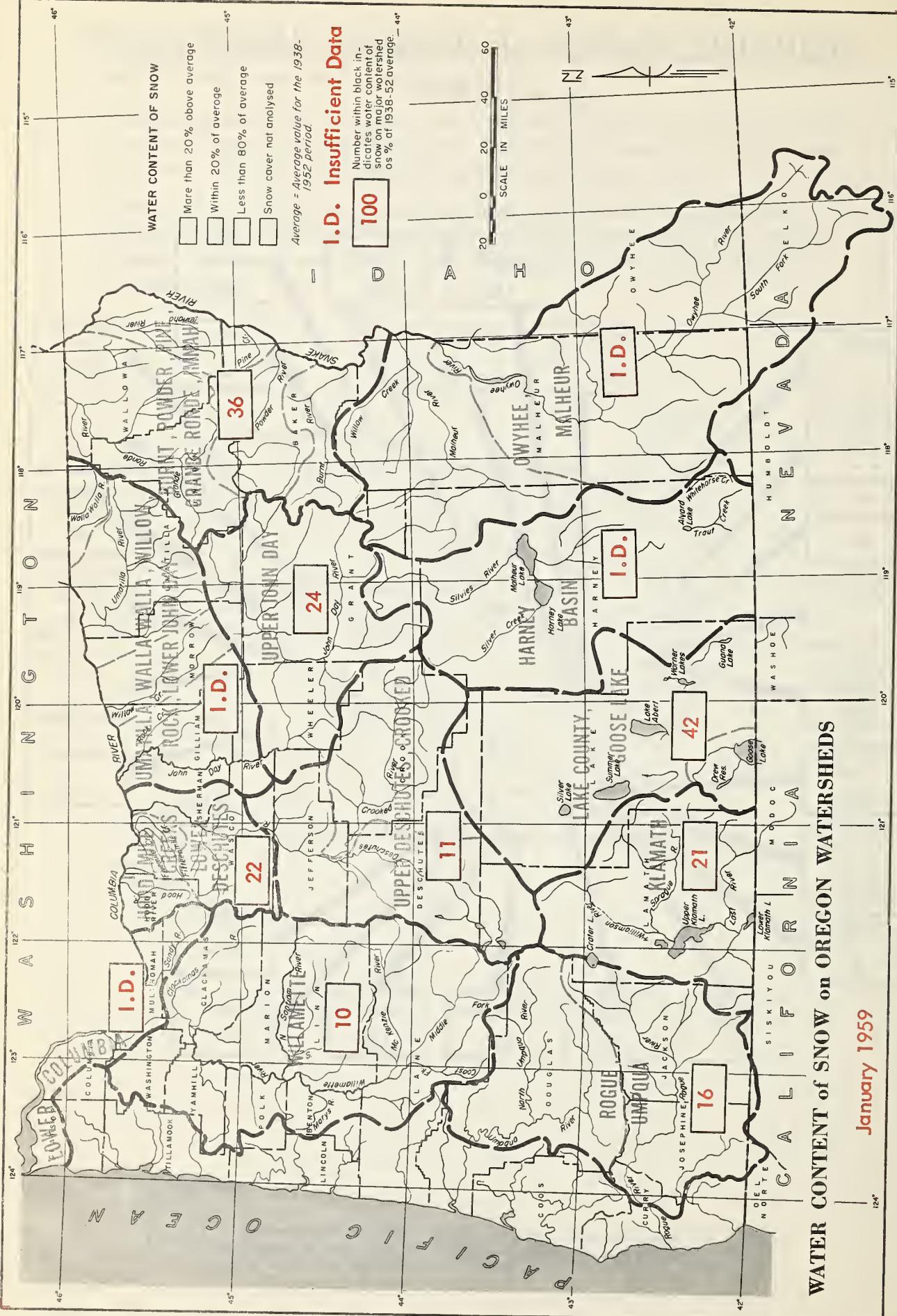
STORAGE STATUS of OREGON RESERVOIRS

January 1, 1959



Figures given are usable storage as percent of 1938-52, 15 year average.

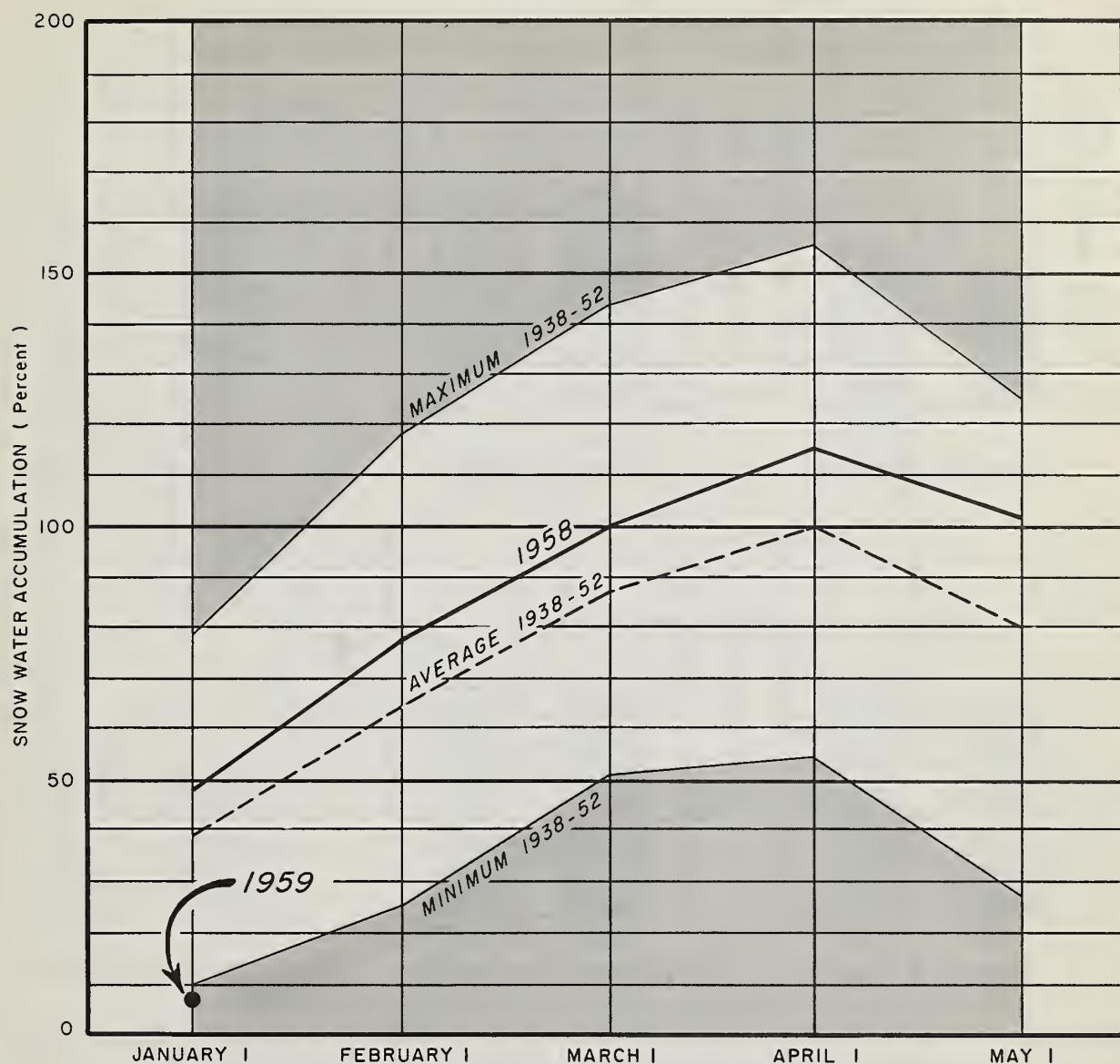
* - Multiple purpose reservoir - space reserved primarily for flood runoff.
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SNOW WATER ACCUMULATION in OREGON

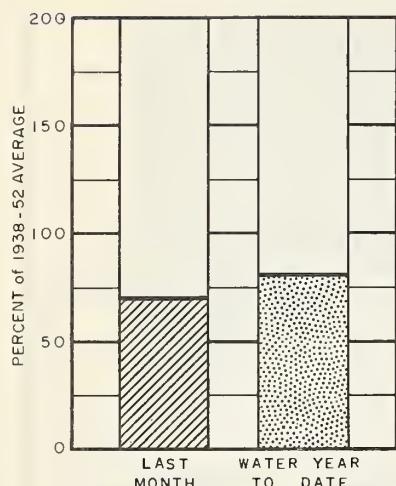
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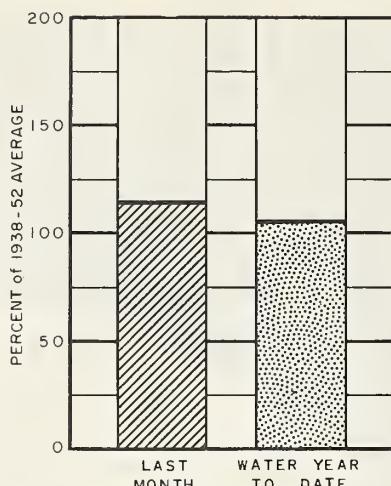
Usually by January 1 there is about 39 percent of the winter's snow water accumulated in the mountains. This year only 6 percent has accumulated. This is the lowest snow water accumulation on January 1 since records were begun in 1928.

CURRENT OREGON STREAMFLOW

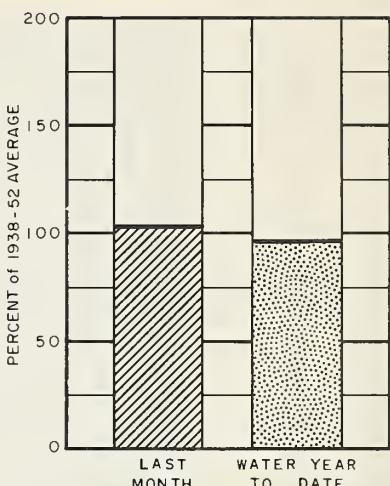
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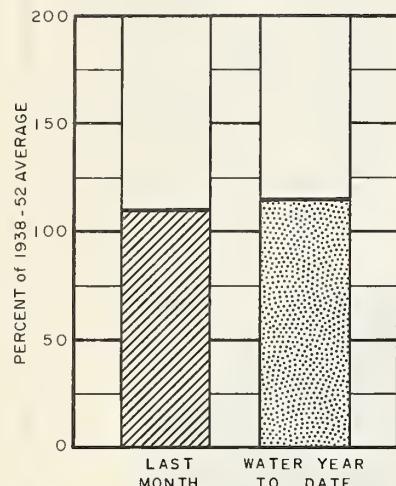
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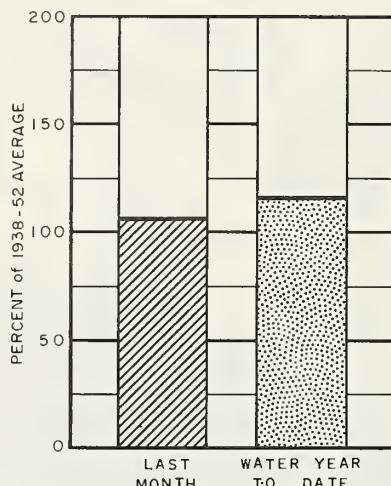
Umatilla near Umatilla



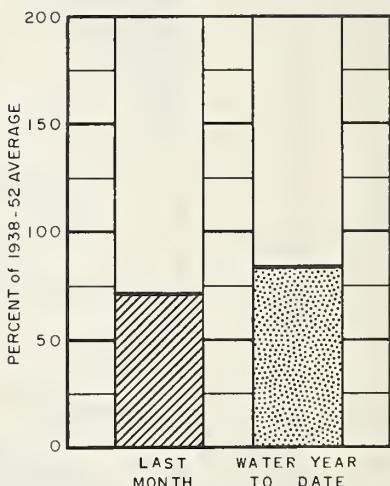
John Day at Service Creek



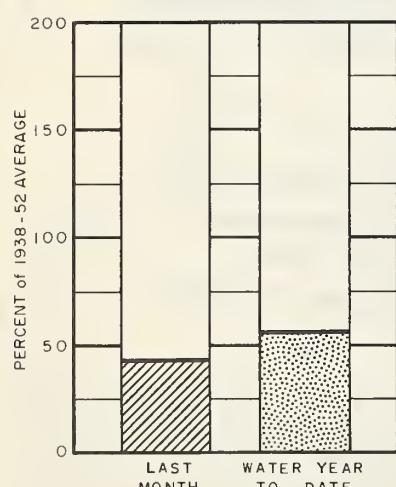
Deschutes at Moody



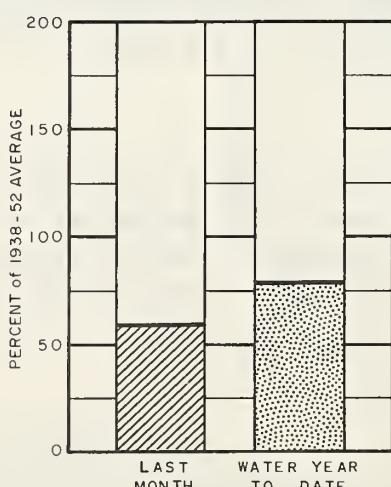
Hood and conduit near Hood River



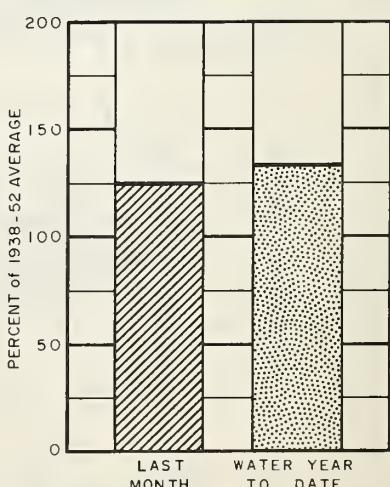
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Umpqua near Elkton



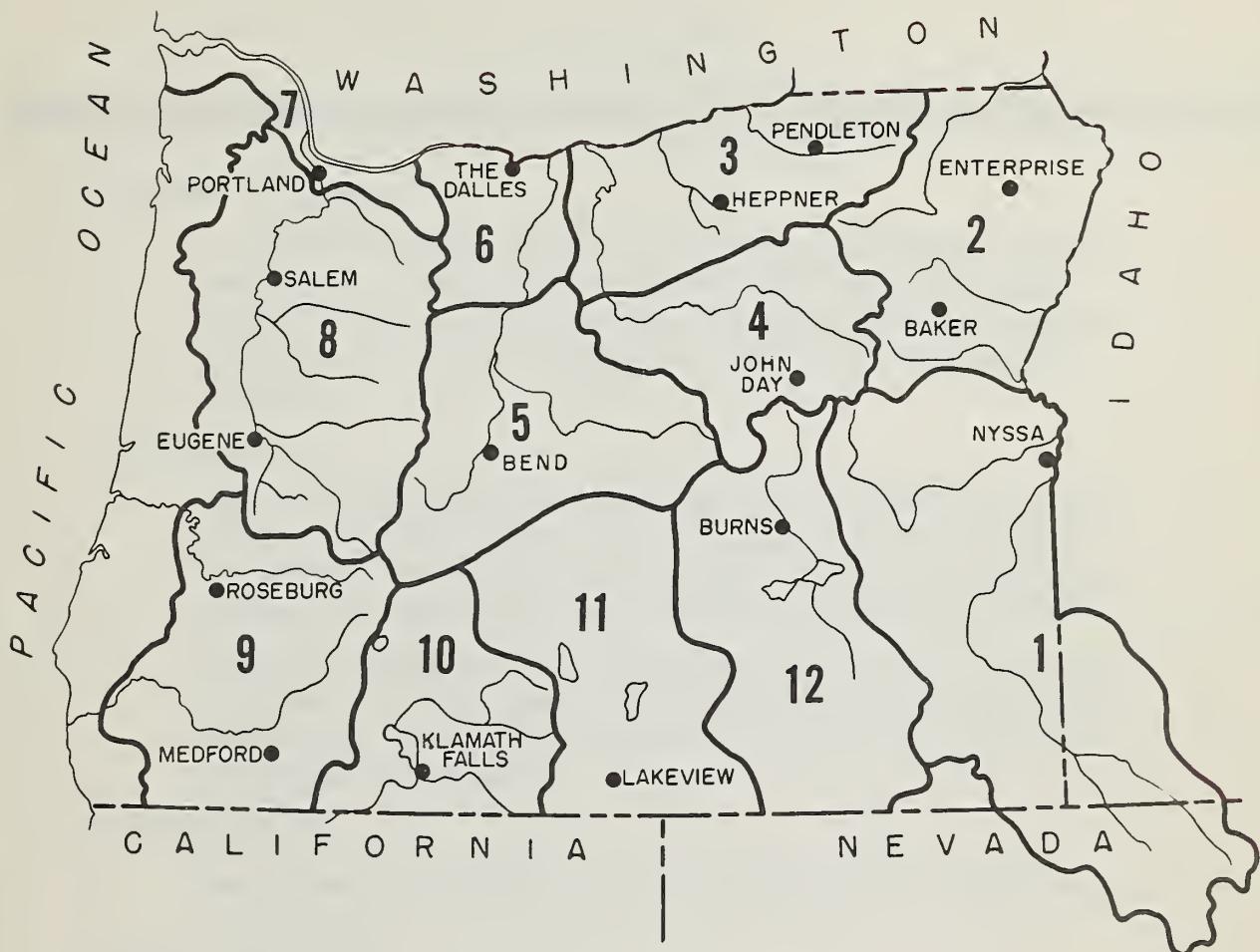
Rogue at Raygold



Upper Klamath Lake net inflow

VALLEY PRECIPITATION in OREGON^a

January 1, 1959



PRECIPITATION as PERCENT of the 1938-52 AVERAGE

STATION	LAST MONTH	WATER YEAR TO DATE	b	STATION	LAST MONTH	WATER YEAR TO DATE	b
Baker Apt.	122	85		Lakeview	58	46	
Bend	Report	delayed		Medford Apt.	71	50	
Burns	47	48		Nyssa	68	39	
Enterprise	162	42		Pendleton Apt.	166	100	
Eugene Apt.	91	92		Portland Apt.	81	71	
Heppner	Report	delayed		Roseburg Apt.	65	70	
John Day ^d	Report	delayed		Salem Apt.	68	79	
Klamath Falls Apt.	22	34		The Dalles	82	84	

^aPreliminary data furnished by the U.S. Weather Bureau. ^bOct. 1 to date. ^cReport delayed.

^dAs percent of Canyon City average.



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK OWYHEE, MALHEUR WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
January 1, 1959

U.S.DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE and OREGON AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

GENERAL OUTLOOK

The 1959 outlook for irrigation water supplies in Malheur County is poor for those lands dependent upon natural streamflow. Lands served by the four major irrigation reservoirs have a better outlook but are also dependent upon good streamflow the balance of the water year.

SNOW-COVER

There is practically no snow-pack this year. Normally, about 40 percent of the total winter "snow crop" should be on the ground by January 1. This year the "crop" is mostly missing. It is possible, although not likely, that future storms will make up the difference.

Again this year, a series of aerial snow depth gages will be observed from the air. These observations, made the last week of January, February and March, will add to the snow data normally provided by the regular snow surveys.

SOIL-MOISTURE

The soil mantle on Malheur County watersheds is only moderately well wetted.

RESERVOIRED WATER

An excellent carry over of water is provided in Owyhee and Warm-springs Reservoirs. Agency Valley is below average but already holds 19,000 acre feet.

STREAMFLOW

So far this water year the Owyhee* has discharged about 80 percent of normal. Malheur River has discharged amounts more nearly normal.

*Preliminary data from Owyhee Project-North Board of Control,
Nyssa, Oregon

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK^a

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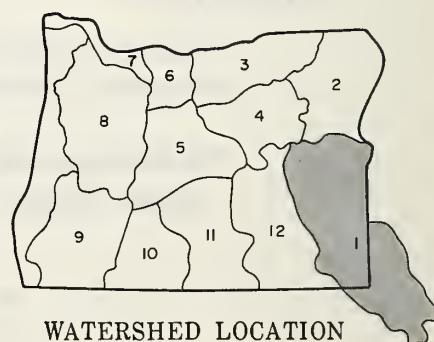
STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD		REMARKS
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	
Boulder Creek Bully Creek Cow Creek Jordan Creek Jordan Valley Irrigation District McDermitt Creek Oregon Canyon Creek Owyhee Project Sucker Creek Ten Mile Creek Vale, Oregon Irrigation District Warm Springs Irrigation District Willow Creek		Forecasts begin in the February 1 report which will reach you about February 9, 1959	

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^c (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	NORMAL ^b	
				THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF NORMAL	
1320	Malheur near Drewsey	d	April-Sept.	82	
139	Malheur North Fork at Beulah ^e	d	April-Sept.	64	
1234	Owyhee Reservoir net Inflow ^h	d d d	April-Sept. April-July March-July	458 440 570	

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

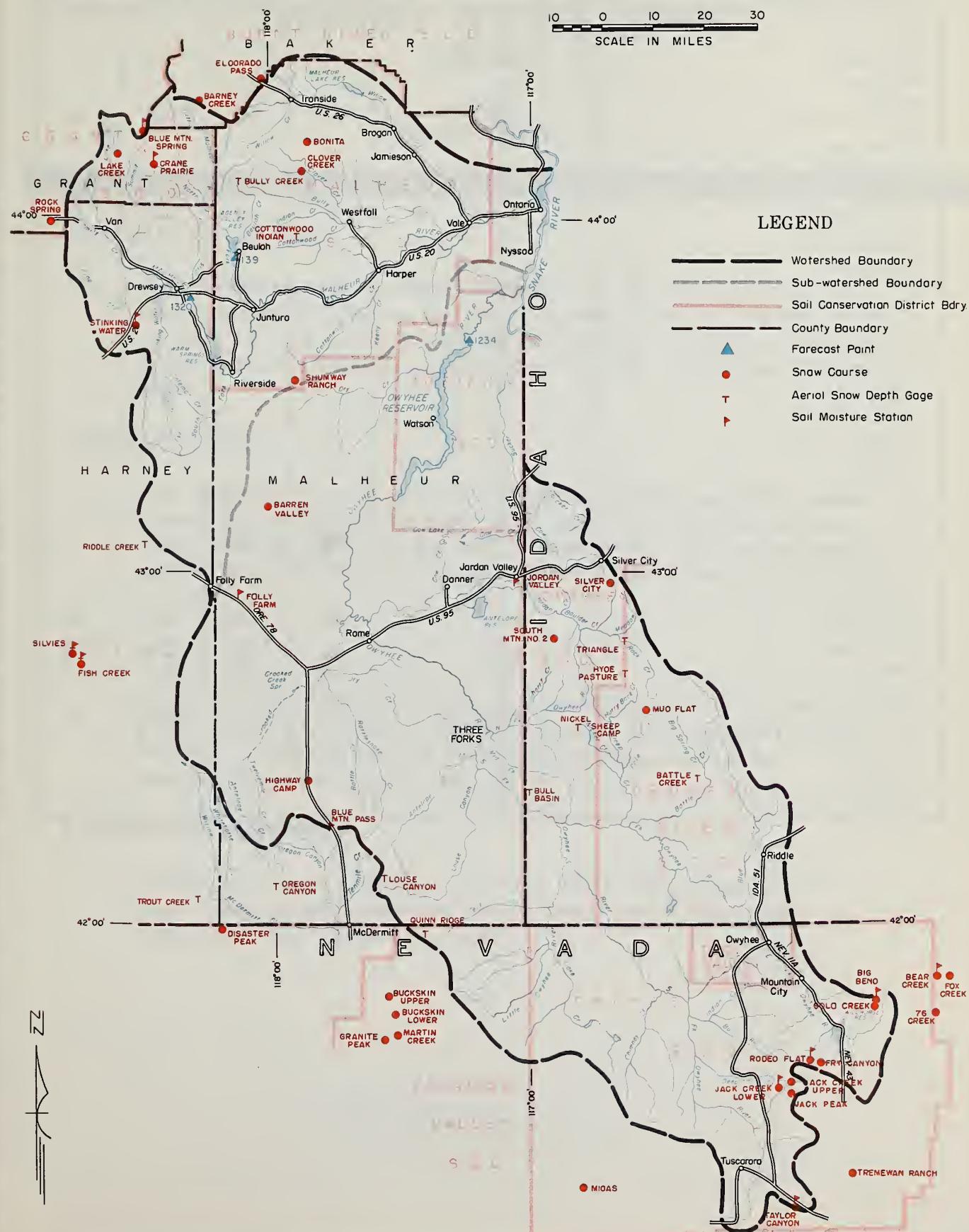
RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL ^b
Agency Valley	60.0	19.0	18.0	29.9
Antelope	36.5	No Report		
Owyhee	715.0	466.3	445.5	419.0 ⁱ
Warm Springs	191.0	112.3	86.0	63.8



WATERSHED LOCATION

^aAssuming normal meteorological conditions. ^b1938-'52, 15 year period. ^cNumber of years in 1938-'52 period. ^dNot scheduled. ^eCorrected to natural flow.
^fAerial snow depth gage; water content estimated. ^gReport delayed. ^hUSBR records of inflow. ⁱ1938 excepted

OWYHEE, MALHEUR WATERSHEDS



Owyhee, Malheur Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF ^c RECORD
NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches) LAST YEAR	NORMAL ^b	
Barney Creek	5950	d					
Barren Valley	4200	g					
Battle Creek ^f	5700	d					
Bear Creek	7800	g					
Big Bend	6700	g					
Blue Mountain Springs	5900	12-22	0	0.0	7.2	6.3	15
Bonita	4600	d					
Buckskin, Lower	6700	g					
Buckskin, Upper	7200	g					
Bull Basin	5600	d					
Bully Creek	5300	d					
Clover Creek	4100	12-29	T	T	--	--	0
Cottonwood - Indian ^f	4320	d					
Crane Praire	5375	d					
Disaster Peak	6500	g					
Eldorado Pass	4600	12-29	6	1.3	0.1	--	0
Fish Creek	7900	d					
Fox Creek	6800	g					
Fry Canyon	6700	g					
Gold Creek	6600	g					
Granite Peak	7800	g					
Highway Camp	4300	g					
Hyde Posture	5800	d					
Jack Creek, Lower	6800	g					
Jack Creek, Upper	7250	g					
Jack Peak	8420	g					
Lake Creek	5120	d					
Lause Canyon	6440	d					
Martin Creek	7200	g					
Midas	5700	g					
Mud Flat	5500	12-31	2	0.6	--	--	0
Nickel Sheep Camp ^f	5450	d					
Oregon Canyon	7240	d					
Quinn Ridge	6200	d					
Riddle Creek ^f	5800	d					
Rock Springs	5100	12-23	0	0.0	1.6	2.5	14
Rodeo Flat	6800	g					
Shumway Ranch	4500	12-22	0	0.0	--	--	0
Silver City	6400	1-1	7	1.5	8.2	6.6	6
Silvies	6900	d					
South Mountain No. 2	6340	g					
Stinking Water	4800	12-29	T	T	1.5	1.9	10
Taylor Canyon	6200	g					
Tremewan Ranch	5700	d					
Triangle	6150	d					
Trout Creek ^f	7800	d					
76 Creek	7100	g					

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK BURNT, POWDER, PINE, GRANDE RONDE, IMNAHA WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
January 1, 1959

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GENERAL OUTLOOK

April-September streamflow will be below average in northeastern Oregon unless unusually heavy snowfall occurs in the next 30-45 days. Those irrigators served from direct streamflow will notice the shortages the most.

SNOW-COVER

The mountain snow-pack in Baker, Union and Wallowa Counties is below normal with only 26 percent of last year and 36 percent normal. However, this area has more snow in proportion than any other area in the state.

SOIL-MOISTURE

Soils in the Tollgate area are well wetted. In the Blue Mountain Summit area the soils are moderately wetted. The mountain soil mantle appears to be wetter than last year this date.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Latest available data indicates that Unity contains less than normal storage while Wallowa Lake contents are well above normal.

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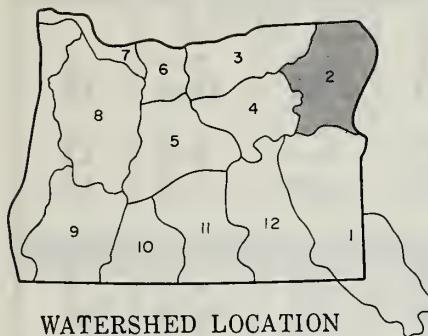
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	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	
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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS ^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

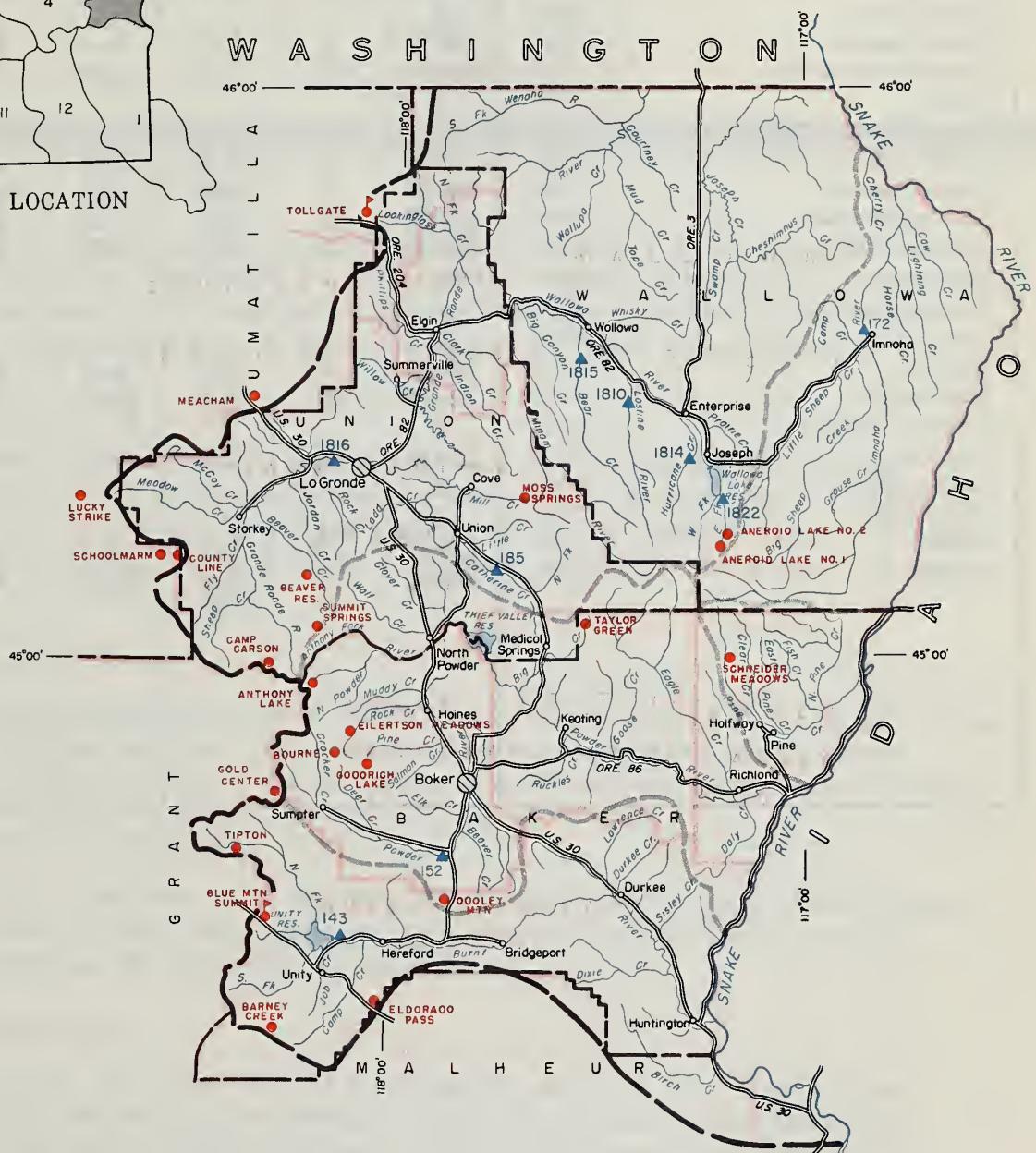
NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	NORMAL ^b	
				THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF NORMAL	
1815	Beor neor Wallowo	d	April-Sept.	69	
143	Burnt neor Hereford ^e	d	April-Sept.	42	
185	Catherine near Union	d	April-Sept.	71	
1816	Grande Ronde at LaGrande	d	April-Sept.	177	
1814	Hurricane near Joseph	d	April-Sept.	45	
172	Imnaha at Imnaha	d	April-Sept.	303	
1810	Lostine near Lostine	d	April-Sept.	124	
152	Powder neor Boker	d d	April-Sept. April-July	63 62	
1822	Wallowo East Fork neor Joseph ^e	d d	April-Sept. April-July	11.3 9.2	

^aAssuming normal meteorological conditions ^b1938-'52, 15 year period ^cNumber of years in 1938-'52 period ^dNot scheduled ^eCorrected to natural flow
^fAerial snow depth gage; water content estimated. ^gReport delayed. ^h1938 excepted *October 31, 1958 **December 6, 1958

BURNT, POWDER, PINE, GRANDE RONDE, IMNAHA WATERSHEDS



WATERSHED LOCATION



LEGEND

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL
Unity	25.2	2.4*	5.8	7.4 h
Wallowa Lake	40.9	29.1**	24.1	19.2

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 - Sub-watershed Boundary**: Represented by a thin black line.
 - Soil Conservation District Bdry**: Represented by a thin black line.
 - County Boundary**: Represented by a thick black line.
 - Forecast Point**: Represented by a blue triangle symbol.
 - Snow Course**: Represented by a red circle symbol.
 - Soil Moisture Station**: Represented by a red flag symbol.

Burnt, Powder, Pine, Grande Ronde, Imnaha Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD
		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	NORMAL b	
NAME	ELEVATION						
Aneroid Lake No. 1	7480	d					
Aneroid Lake No. 2	7000	12-28	25	6.7	--	--	0
Anthony Lake	7125	12-23	15	4.9	13.4	11.4	13
Barney Creek	5950	d					
Beaver Reservoir	5340	12-31	6	1.5	--	5.2	13
Blue Mountain Summit	5098	12-30	6	0.5	4.0	3.9	15
Bourne	5800	d					
Camp Carson	5970	d					
County Line	4800	12-30	4	0.8	3.3	--	1
Dooley Mountain	5430	12-30	6	1.5	3.5	3.8	14
Eilertson Meadows	5400	12-27	10	1.5	7.8	4.1	10
Eldorado Pass	4600	12-29	6	1.3	0.1	--	0
Gold Center	5340	d					
Goodrich Lake	6775	d					
Lucky Strike	5050	d					
Meacham	4300	12-23	0	0.0	4.9	--	0
Moss Springs	5850	12-22	10	3.8	13.5	9.9	13
Schneider Meadows	5400	d					
Schoolmarm	4775	12-30	4	0.9	4.1	--	2
Summit Springs	6000	d					
Taylor Green	5740	d					
Tipton	5100	12-29	9	1.3	6.3	--	0
Tollgate	5070	12-23	5	2.4	13.1	--	0

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK UMATILLA, WALLA WALLA, WILLOW, ROCK, LOWER JOHN DAY WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of

January 1, 1959

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE and OREGON AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

GENERAL OUTLOOK

The water supply outlook for the Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam Counties is only fair. Much more snow is needed to create a favorable situation; particularly for those irrigators served from streams without reservoirs.

SNOW-COVER

Water content of snow is low, with two of the three surveyed courses reported as zero. These were Emigrant Springs and Meacham measured on December 23. Tollgate as of that date had 2.4 inches of water or about 20 percent of last year.

SOIL-MOISTURE

Watershed soils are moderately well wetted. The melting of most of the November snowfall coupled with recent December rains have improved these moisture conditions.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Cold Springs and McKay Reservoirs hold 13 percent more water than last year at this date. They are currently storing 93 percent of normal.

STREAMFLOW

Since October 1st the Umatilla River* has had a flow 107 percent of normal. Both November and December flow were above normal while October flow was below normal at 52 percent.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK^a

Local water supply is expressed as "Poor", "Fair", "Average" or "Excellent".

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD		REMARKS
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	
Birch Creek			
Butter Creek			
Dry Creek			
Dugger Creek			
Johnson Creek			
McKay Creek			
Mill Creek			
Mud Creek			
Pine Creek			
Rhea Creek			
Rock Creek			
Umatilla River (Cold Springs Res.)			
Umatilla River, Main			
Umatilla River (McKay Res.)			
Walla Walla River, Little			
Walla Walla River, Main			
Walla Walla River, North Fork			
Walla Walla River, South Fork			
Willow Creek			

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

NO.	NAME	FORECAST POINT		FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	NORMAL ^b	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF NORMAL
2213	McKay near Pilot Rock	d	d	April-Sept. April-July	28 28		
2236	Umatilla near Gibbon	d	d	April-Sept.	87		
223	Umatilla at Pendleton	d	d	April-Sept. April-July	167 155		
214	Walla Walla, South Fork near Milton	d	d	April-Sept. April-July	71 58		

SNOW

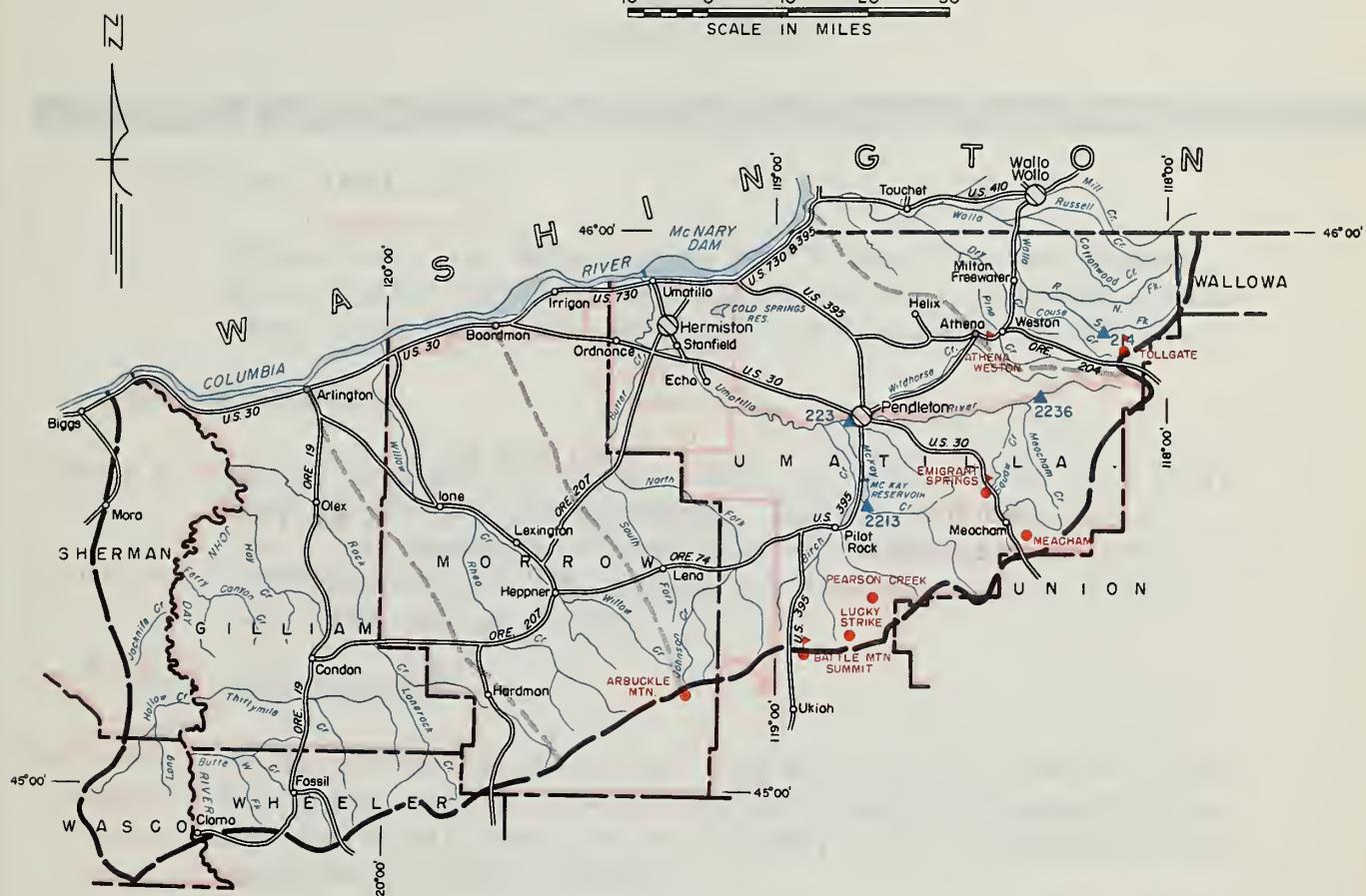
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	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)		
Arbuckle Mountain	5400	d					
Battle Mountain Summit	4340	g					
Emigrant Springs	3925	12-23	0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0
Lucky Strike	5050	d					
Meacham	4300	12-23	0	0.0	4.9	--	0
Pearson Creek	3000	d					
Tollgate	5050	12-23	5	2.4	13.1	--	0

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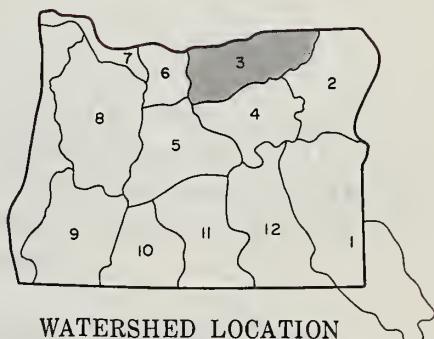
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SCALE IN MILES



LEGEND

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- County Boundary
- ▲ Forecast Point
- Snow Course
- Soil Moisture Station



WATERSHED LOCATION

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL b
Cold Springs Mc Koy	50.0 74.0	22.3 22.9	22.0 18.1	21.1 27.6

Umatilla, Walla Walla, Willow, Rock, Lower John Day Watersheds

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK UPPER JOHN DAY WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
January 1, 1959

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GENERAL OUTLOOK

Water supplies this spring and summer in the Upper John Day watershed will be short unless the mountain snow pack improves markedly in the next 30-45 days.

SNOW-COVER

Water content of snow is only 21 percent of last year and 24 percent of average. Usually 38 percent of the total average winter's snow water accumulates by January 1st. By January 1 this year only 6 percent had accumulated.

SOIL-MOISTURE

Soils are moderately wet and are slightly wetter than last year at this date. The soil moisture penetration has been only fair in the Ukiah, Starr Ridge and Blue Mountain Summit areas.

STREAMFLOW

The John Day River* has been flowing near normal during the October through December period. It was above normal at 108 percent in October; slightly below normal at 86 percent in November; and just normal at 102 percent in December.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK^a

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STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD		REMARKS
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	
Beech Creek			
Beech Creek-Fox-Long Creek			
Bridge-Mountain Creeks			
Comas Creek			
Cherry Creek			
Indian-Pine Creeks			
John Day River, Main Fork			
John Doy River, Mid. Fork			
John Day River, North Fork			
John Day River, South Fork			
Monument-Kimberly			
Strawberry Creek			

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

NO.	NAME	FORECAST POINT		FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	NORMAL ^b	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF NORMAL
		NO.	NAME				
2415	John Day at Prairie City	d		April-Sept.	50		
		d		April-July	45		
2433	John Day, Mid. Fork at Ritter	d		April-Sept.	122		
2432	John Day, North Fork near Dale	d		April-Sept.	248		
2434	Strawberry near Prairie City	d		April-Sept.	8.3		

SNOW

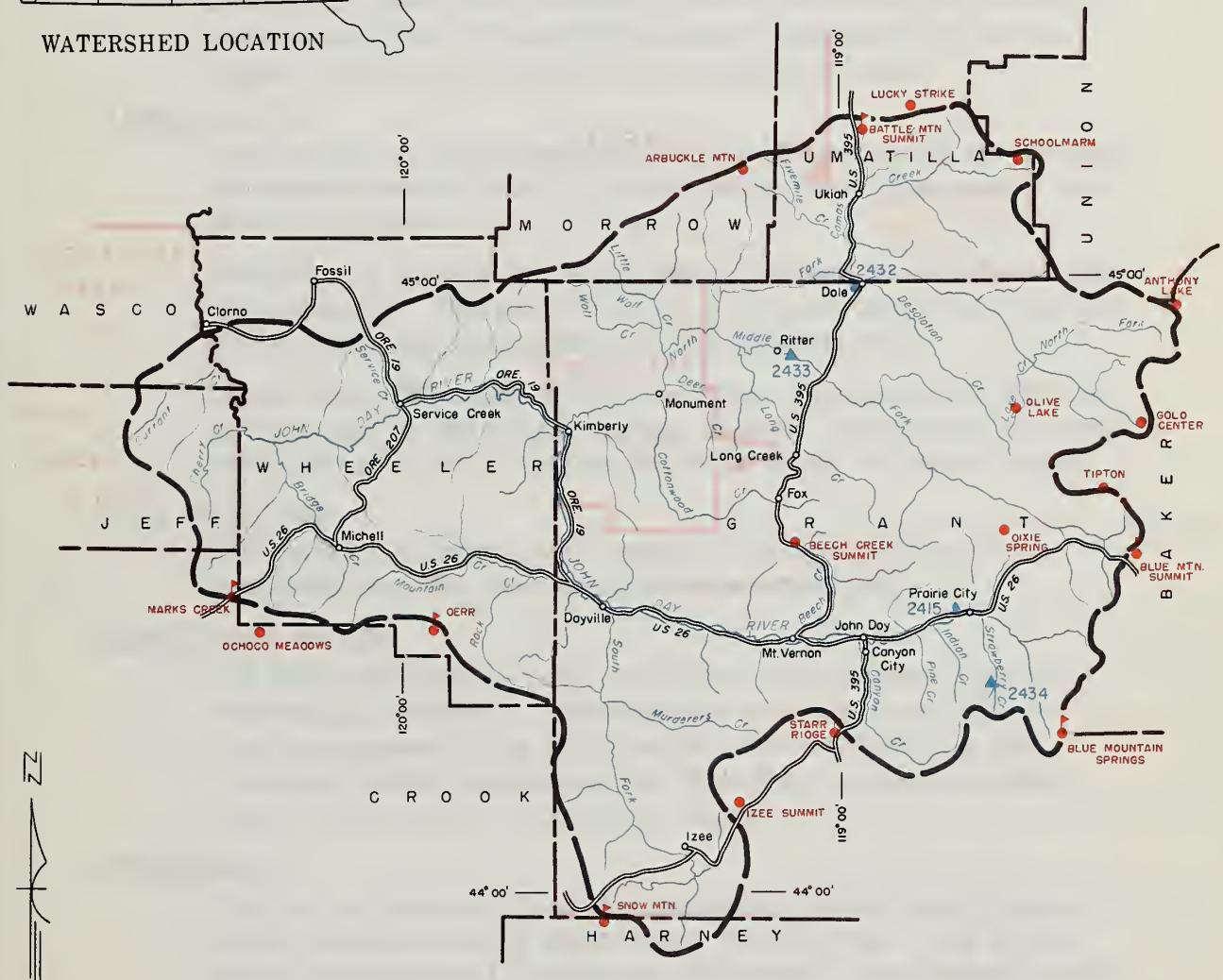
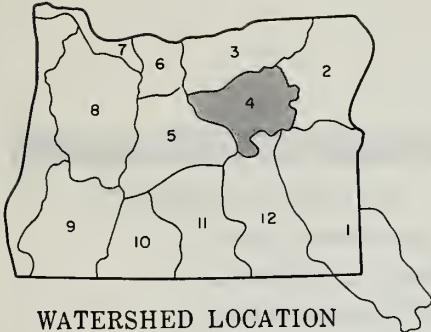
SNOW COURSE NAME	CURRENT INFORMATION				PAST RECORD		
	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)		YEARS OF RECORD
					LAST YEAR	NORMAL ^b	
Anthony Lake	7125	12-23	15	4.9	13.4	11.4	13
Arbuckle Mountain	5400	d					
Battle Mountain Summit	4340	g					
Beech Creek Summit	4800	12-22	0	0.0	1.3	1.6	10
Blue Mountain Springs	5900	12-22	0	0.0	7.2	6.3	15
Blue Mountain Summit	5098	12-30	6	0.5	4.0	3.9	15
Derr	5670	d					
Dixie Springs	6650	d					
Gold Center	5340	d					
Izee Summit	5293	12-22	0	0.0	2.4	3.2	10
Lucky Strike	5050	d					
Marks Creek	4540	12-24	0	0.0	1.2	--	0
Ochoco Meadows	5200	d					
Olive Lake	6000	12-29	14	3.1	10.0	7.4	15
Schoolmarm	4775	12-30	4	0.9	4.1	--	2
Snow Mountain	6300	d					
Starr Ridge	5156	12-22	0	0.0	1.8	2.1	10
Tipton	5100	12-29	9	1.3	6.3	--	0

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UPPER JOHN DAY WATERSHEDS

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Upper John Day Watersheds

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

UPPER DESCHUTES, CROOKED WATERSHEDS

OREGON

as of
January 1, 1959

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GENERAL OUTLOOK

Short water supplies in 1959 seem indicated for all irrigated lands of Deschutes, Crooked and Jefferson Counties not served from the larger storage reservoirs. Although the mountain snow-pack is record low, storage in four major reservoirs is much above average.

SNOW-COVER

Snow surveys just completed establish new low records for water content. Present snow-cover is only 11 percent average and 15 percent of last year on this date.

Normally, by January 1st, 41 percent of the total winter's "snow crop" is accumulated. This year, however, we have received only 1 percent of the normal snow accumulation in the mid-state area.

There is only a slim chance that remaining winter storms will be able to "make up" for the present shortage of snow. In this area, the snow-pack is the principal controlling factor for spring and summer runoff.

SOIL-MOISTURE

Soils are only moderately well wetted in the upper portions of the watersheds where the snow-pack should be developing.

RESERVOIRED WATER

All four major reservoirs have much above normal water supplies in storage as of January 1. This important carryover is due both to good management and to the abundant water available last year. Abnormally warm temperatures this winter have caused mid-winter runoff rather than an accumulation of snow.

STREAMFLOW

Flow of the Deschutes River* has been above normal since October 1st due largely to heavy ground water contributions. Flow of this stream has averaged 114 percent of the normal. Flow of the Crooked River has been higher than usual also.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK^a

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STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD		REMARKS
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	
Arnold Irrigation District			
Bear Creek			
Beaver Creek			
Camp Creek			
Central Oregon Irrigation District			
Crooked River			
Deschutes River			
Hay-Trout Creeks			
Lone Pine Irrigation District			
Mill Creek			
North Unit Irrigation District			
Ochoco Creek			
Ochoco Irrigation District			
Sisters Irrigation District			
Snow Creek Irrigation District			
Squaw Creek Irrigation District			
Swalley Ditch			
Tumalo Project			
Walker Basin Irrigation District			

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^c (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

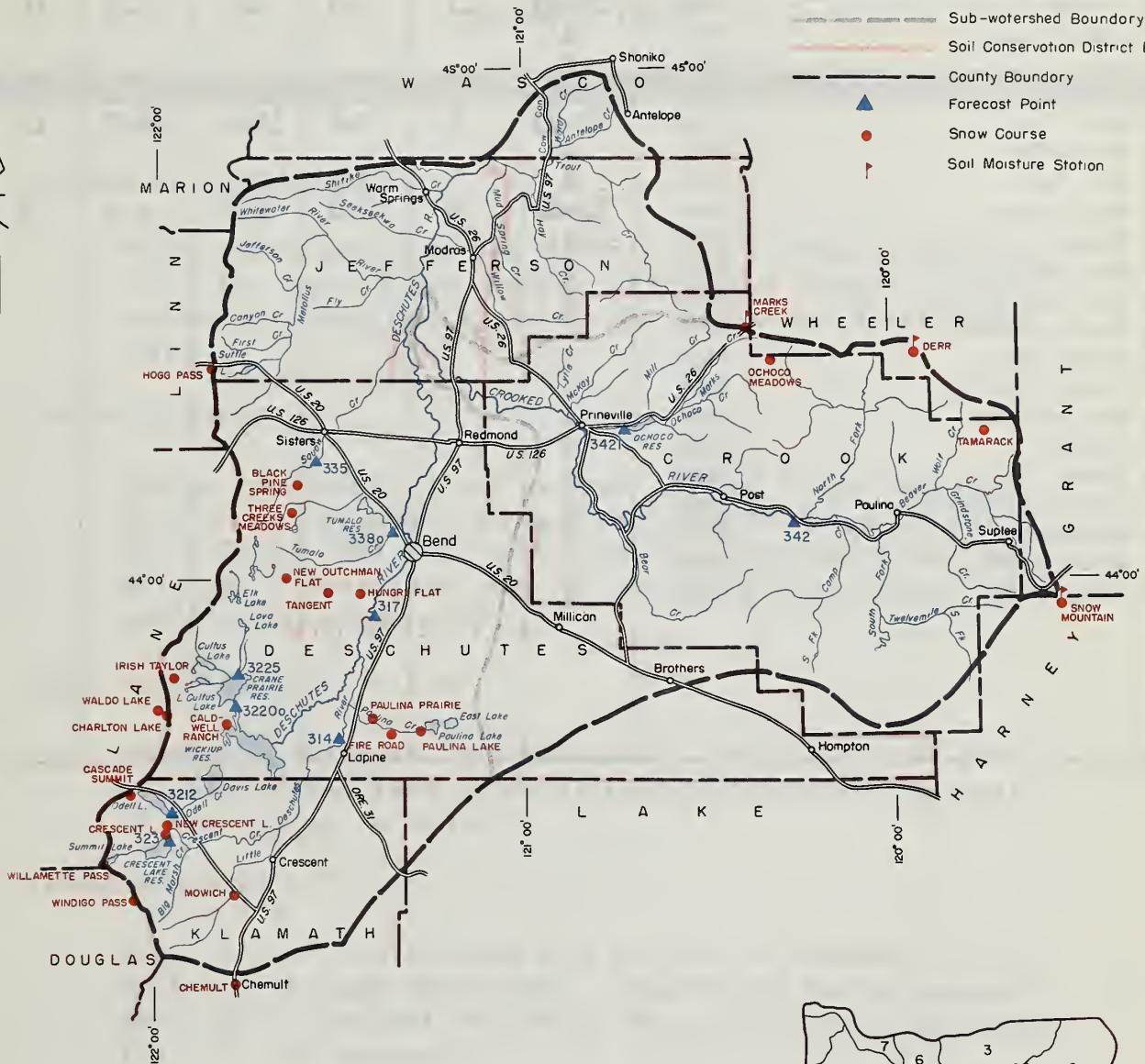
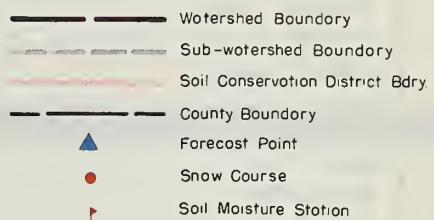
NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	NORMAL ^b	
				THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF NORMAL	
3220A	Crane Prairie Reservoir net inflow	d	April - Sept.	121	
323	Crescent at Crescent Lake ^e	d	April - Sept.	21	
342	Crooked near Post	d	April - Sept.	124 ^g	
317	Deschutes at Benham Falls ^e	d	April - Sept.	511	
		d	April - July	346	
3225	Deschutes below Snow Creek	d	April - Sept.	60	
314	Deschutes, Little near Lapine ^e	d	April - Sept.	90	
		d	April - July	79	
3421	Ochoco Reservoir net inflow	d	April - Sept.	28	
3212	Odell near Crescent	d	April - Sept.	29	
335	Squaw near Sisters	d	April - Sept.	49	
338A	Tumalo near Bend ^e	d	April - Sept.	48	

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^fAerial snow depth gage, water content estimated. ^gReport delayed. ^h1938-'39 excepted. ⁱ1938-'42 excepted. ^jDecember 2, 1958

UPPER DESCHUTES, CROOKED WATERSHEDS

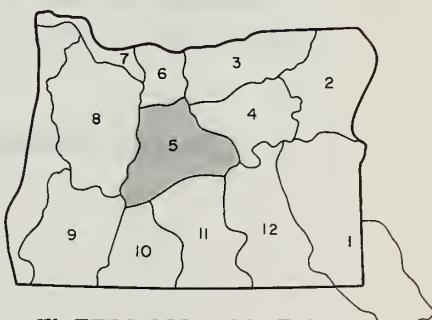
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RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL b
Crane Prairie	55.3	42.9	46.2	27.6
Crescent Lake	80.0	55.0*	43.7	38.5
Ochoco	46.0	22.8	18.7	16.4
Wickiup	2000	144.5	147.5	75.5 <i>i</i>



WATERSHED LOCATION

Upper Deschutes, Crooked Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD	
NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR	NORMAL b	
Black Pine Spring	4600	d						
Caldwell Ranch	4400	d						
Cascade Summit	4880	12-29	14	2.8	9.9	--		4
Charlton Lake	5750	d						
Chemult	4760	12-28	11	1.9	4.4	4.5		14
Crescent Lake	4760	d						
Derr	5670	d						
Fire Road	5050	d						
Hogg Pass	4755	12-23	2	0.6	19.4	18.0		11
Hungry Flat	4400	d						
Irish-Taylor	5500	d						
Marks Creek	4540	12-24	0	0.0	1.2	--		0
Mowich	4700	d						
New Crescent Lake	4800	d						
New Dutchman Flat	6400	d						
Ochoco Meadows	5200	d						
Paulina Lake	6330	d						
Paulina Prairie	4285	d						
Snow Mountain	6300	d						
Tamarack	4800	d						
Tangent	5400	d						
Three Creeks Meadows	5600	d						
Waldo Lake	5500	d						
Willamette Pass	5600	d						
Windigo Pass	5800	d						

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK HOOD, MILE CREEKS, LOWER DESCHUTES WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
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GENERAL OUTLOOK

Poor water supplies are anticipated in April-September 1959 for Hood River Valley and Wasco County lands unless striking increases occur in the mountain snow pack.

SNOW-COVER

Water content of snow is low. Phlox Point had only 4.9 inches of water compared to an average of 23.0. Still Creek had 2.0 inches while Clear Lake had but a trace. Some snow has fallen since the surveys were made on December 29.

SOIL-MOISTURE

Mountain soils are satisfactorily wetted; due in part to rain rather than snow at the high elevations most of the season to date.

STREAMFLOW

Hood River* has flowed 115 percent of normal during October through December. October's below normal flow of 73 percent was more than offset by a November flow of 153 percent.

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STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD		REMARKS
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	
Aldridge Ditch			
Badger Creek			
Dee Irrigation District			
East Fork Irrigation District			
Farmers Irrigation District			
Glacier Irrigation District			
Hood River			
Irrigation District			
Juniper Flat			
Middle Fork Irrigation District			
Mile Creeks			
Mill Creek			
Mount Hood Irrigation District			
Rock-Gate-Threemile Creeks			
Tygh Creek			
White River			

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^b (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

NO.	NAME	FORECAST POINT		FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	NORMAL ^b	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF NORMAL
		NO.	NAME				
437	Hood near Hood River ^e	d		April-Sept.	306		
		d		April-July	260		
438	Hood, West Fork near Dee	d		April-Sept.	147		
		d		April-July	127		
3613	White below Tygh Valley	d		April-Sept.	152		
		d		April-July	135		

SNOW

SNOW COURSE	CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		
	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)
						LAST YEAR
Brooks Meadows	4300	d				
Clear Lake	3800	12-28	T	T	4.5	--
Greenpoint Reservoir	3400	d				
Phlox Point	5600	12-29	15	4.9	30.7	23.0
Red Hill	4400	d				
Still Creek	3700	12-29	4	2.0	8.5	8.4
Tilly Jane	6000	d				

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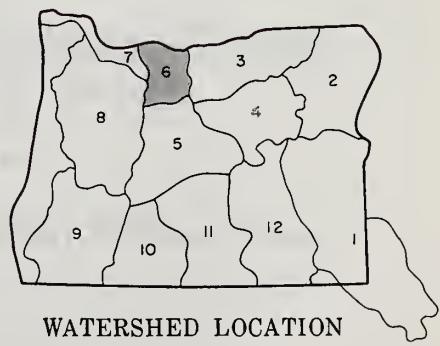
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WATERSHED LOCATION

Hood, Mile Creeks, Lower Deschutes Watershed

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK LOWER COLUMBIA WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
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GENERAL OUTLOOK

The 1959 outlook, at this early-winter date, for the spring and summer flow of the Columbia River is definitely below normal.

SNOW-COVER

The few key snow courses measured near the 1st of January in the United States portion of the Columbia Basin indicate slightly below normal snowfall in the northern half and much below normal throughout the southern half.

Canadian snow-cover is probably near normal in water content.

SOIL-MOISTURE

Relatively dry soils beneath the snow-pack throughout the entire basin will reduce runoff from the snow-pack that does develop.

The combination of dry soil and light snow-pack indicates that 1959 could be a low water supply year unless the general trend of storms changes during the winter to more favorable conditions.

STREAMFLOW

Flow* of the Columbia River as measured near The Dalles has been above normal so far this water year as shown below:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Percent of Normal Discharge (1938-52)</u>
October	101 adjusted for storage
November	121 " " "
December	124 not adjusted

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS ^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	NORMAL ^b	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF NORMAL
Columbia at The Dalles	d d d	Apr.-Sept. Apr.-June May-June	97,000 65,900 51,800	

HISTORICAL DATA (Columbia River at The Dalles)

YEAR	STREAMFLOW ^c (1,000 A.F.)			PEAK ^e (1,000 c.f.s.)	DATE
	APR.-SEPT.	APR.-JUNE	MAY-JUNE		
1938	103,400	72,600	56,700	605	May 31
1939	80,800	53,300	40,500	387	May 21
1940	77,400	52,100	38,900	369	June 5
1941	69,100	43,500	33,500	272	June 11
1942	90,300	58,100	44,500	428	June 18
1943	115,000	75,300	52,400	541	June 21
1944	61,900	39,200	32,100	326	June 19
1945	81,500	54,600	47,300	505	June 8
1946	108,000	75,400	59,600	581	May 30
1947	100,300	70,000	56,800	536	May 11
1948	130,500	94,600	81,900	999	May 31
1949	95,700	71,400	56,000	622	May 18
1950	120,600	74,700	61,200	744	June 25
1951	113,000	75,600	59,100	597	May 26
1952	107,700	77,500	57,300	557	May 28
1938-52 Avg.	97,000	65,900	51,800	538	
1953	100,600	64,900	55,800	609	June 17
1954	119,500	70,500	59,300	561	May 23
1955	99,500	58,300	50,300	545	June 26
1956	131,200	97,100	75,800	815	June 3
1957	115,200	79,200	67,200	700	May 22
1958	97,696	71,953	58,644	593	May 31

LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER FLOOD STAGES (with 9.5' tide at Astoria) ^f

VANCOUVER ^g GAGE (WEATHER BU.)	FLOW AT THE DALLES (1000 cfs)	DRAINAGE DISTRICT PUMPHOUSE						
		SANDY	SAUVIE IS.	SCAPPOOSE	DEER IS.	RAINIER	BEAVER	WOODSON
		118.9	96.0	91.0	77.0	62.0	52.0	47.0
35	1,290	42.2	35.3	34.4	29.6	22.9	18.3	16.2
34 (1894)	1,220	41.3	34.4	33.4	28.5	22.0	17.5	15.5
33	1,150	40.4	33.3	32.3	27.5	21.0	16.7	14.8
32	1,090	39.5	32.2	31.2	26.5	20.0	15.9	14.1
31	1,030	38.5	31.2	30.1	25.5	19.1	15.1	13.4
30 (1948)	970	37.4	30.1	29.0	24.6	18.3	14.4	12.7
29 (1876)	920	36.2	29.1	28.1	23.9	17.7	13.8	12.1
28	870	35.1	28.1	27.3	23.3	17.2	13.3	11.6
27	820	33.8	27.1	26.4	22.4	16.6	12.8	11.2
26	770	32.5	26.1	25.3	21.4	15.8	12.3	10.8
(1933)								
25 (1950)	730	31.8	25.1	24.1	20.4	15.1	11.9	10.5
24 (1957)	690	30.3	24.0	23.0	19.5	14.5	11.6	10.3
23	650	29.5	22.9	21.9	18.7	13.9	11.3	10.1
22 (1953)	610	28.6	21.9	20.8	17.6	13.3	11.0	9.9
21	570	27.6	21.0	19.8	16.6	12.7	10.7	9.7
20	540	26.5	20.1	18.9	15.7	12.2	10.3	9.5
19	510	25.5	19.2	18.0	15.0	11.8	10.0	9.3
18	480	24.4	18.3	17.2	14.3	11.4	9.8	9.1
17	450	23.4	17.4	16.4	13.7	11.0	9.6	8.9
16	430	22.4	16.5	15.5	13.0	10.5	9.3	8.7
15	400	21.4	15.5	14.4	12.0	9.8	8.8	8.3

^aAssuming normal meteorological conditions.

^b1938-'52, 15 year period.

^cObserved flow corrected

for storage in F.D.R., Kootenai, Pend Oreille, Flathead, Hungry Horse, Lake Chelan, Coeur d'Alene and Grand Coulee Equalizer.

^dNot scheduled.

^eObserved peak

LOWER COLUMBIA WATERSHEDS

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SCALE IN MILES



WATERSHED LOCATION

LEGEND

- Watershed Boundary
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- Soil Conservation District Bdry
- County Boundary
- (50) River Miles

^fBased on Corps of Engineers automatic water stage recorder data.

^gVancouver Weather Bureau gage zero is 2.64' above M.S.L. All other readings are in feet above M.S.L.

Lower Columbia Watersheds



“The Conservation of Water begins with the Snow Survey”

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK WILLAMETTE WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
January 1, 1959

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE and OREGON AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

GENERAL OUTLOOK

Unless the mountain snow-pack increases in a much above normal fashion during the rest of the winter a poor to fair water supply is anticipated for the coming irrigation season.

SNOW-COVER

The water content of the limited snow-pack is low. This snow-pack is but 8 percent of last years and 10 percent of average. Whereas 38 percent of the total winter's snow-pack usually accumulates by January 1; this year only 4 percent is on the ground.

SOIL-MOISTURE

Mountain soils are fairly well primed. Rains at higher elevations during the past 60 days have brought this condition about.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Multiple purpose reservoirs are at their usual levels for this time of year.

STREAMFLOW

Flow of the Middle Fork Willamette* was 85 percent normal during October through December with the only above normal month being November when 112 percent normal flow was recorded.

*Preliminary data from U.S. Geological Survey, Portland, Oregon

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK^a

Local water supply is expressed as "Poor", "Fair", "Average" or "Excellent".

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD		REMARKS
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	
Calapooya			
Clackamas			
McKenzie			
Mollalla			
Santiam, North			
Santiam, South			
Willamette, Coast Fork			
Willamette, Middle Fork			

Forecasts begin in the February 1 report which will reach you about February 9, 1959

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^b (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR		NORMAL ^b	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF NORMAL
		FORECAST PERIOD	NORMAL ^b		
5911	Clackamas at Big Bottom	d d	April-Sept. April-July	164 133	
593	Clackamas near Cazadero	d d	April-Sept. April-July	777 669	
592	Clackamas above Three Lynx	d d	April-Sept. April-July	599 507	
534	McKenzie at Mckenzie Bridge	d d	April-Sept. April-July	565 430	
535	McKenzie near Vida	d d	April-Sept. April-July	1195 978	
598	Oak Grove Fork above Power Intake	d d	April-Sept. April-July	186 145	
5215	Row near Dorena	d d	April-Sept. April-July	101 96	
554	Santiam, North at Mehama ^c	d d	April-Sept. April-July	842 748	
5516	Santiam, South at Waterloo	d d	April-Sept. April-July	558 525	
5117	Willamette, Mid. Fork below North Fork near Oakridge	d d	April-Sept. April-July	798 705	
516	Willamette at Salem	d d	April-Sept. April-July	4355 3863	

^aAssuming normal meteorological conditions. ^b1938-'52, 15 year period. ^cNumber of years in 1938-'52 period. ^dNot scheduled. ^eCorrected to natural flow.

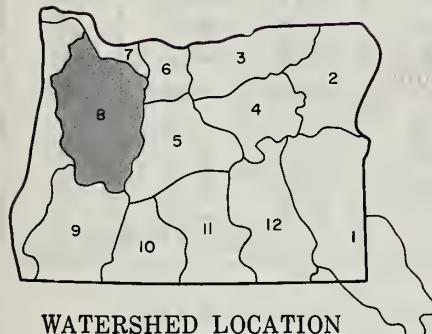
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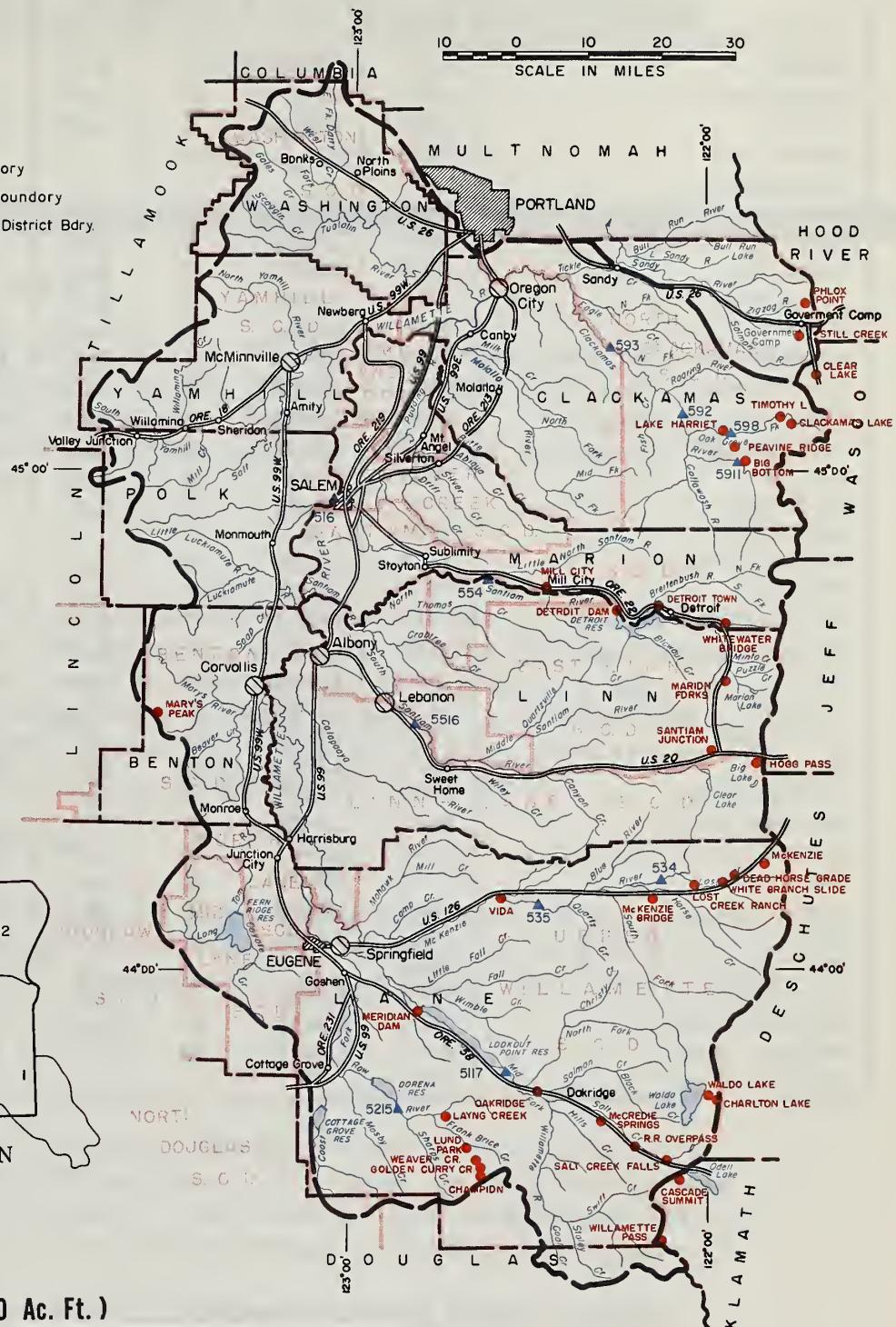
WILLAMETTE WATERSHEDS

LEGEND

- Watershed Boundary
- Sub-watershed Boundary
- Soil Conservation District Bdry.
- County Boundary
- ▲ Forecast Point
- Snow Course



WATERSHED LOCATION



RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL ^b
Cottage Grove	30.0*	0.1	2.7	0.5 ^h
Detroit	299.9*	12.1	95.0	--
Dorena	70.5*	1.3	31.9	--
Fern Ridge	94.2*	0.3	34.3	4.5 ⁱ
Lookout Point	337.2*	6.3	134.8	--

* Multiple purpose reservoir—space reserved primarily for flood runoff

Willamette Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD
NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	NORMAL D	
Big Bottom	2118	12-28	0	0.0	--	--	2
Cascade Summit	4880	12-29	14	2.8	9.9	--	4
Champion	4500	12-24	0	0.0	12.6	--	4
Charlton Lake	5750	d					
Clackamas Lake	3400	d					
Clear Lake	3800	12-28	T	T	4.5	--	0
Dead Horse Grade	3800	12-31	0	0.0	8.3	--	2
Detroit Town	1600	12-23	0	0.0	T	--	2
Detroit Dam	1580	12-23	0	0.0	0.0	--	2
Golden Curry Creek	3136	12-24	0	0.0	2.2	--	3
Hogg Pass	4755	12-23	2	0.6	19.4	18.0	11
Lake Harriet	3400	12-28	0	0.0	--	--	2
Laying Creek	1200	12-24	0	0.0	0.0	--	3
Lost Creek Ranch	1746	12-31	0	0.0	2.0	--	1
Lund Park	1740	12-24	0	0.0	0.0	--	3
Marion Forks	2730	12-22	0	0.0	7.7	5.5	11
Marys Peak	3620	d					
McCredie Springs	2120	12-29	0	0.0	T	--	3
McKenzie	4800	12-31	11	3.4	27.2	--	2
McKenzie Bridge	1372	12-31	0	0.0	0.0	--	2
Meridian Dam	750	12-29	0	0.0	0.0	--	3
Mill City	826	12-23	0	0.0	0.0	--	1
Oakridge	1310	12-29	0	0.0	0.0	--	3
Peavine Ridge	3500	12-28	T	T	9.4	6.3	15
Phlox Point	5600	12-29	15	4.9	30.7	23.0	13
Railroad Overpass	2750	12-29	0	0.0	T	--	3
Salt Creek Falls	4000	12-29	T	T	3.8	--	3
Santiam Junction	3990	12-23	0	0.0	10.7	10.3	11
Still Creek	3700	12-29	4	2.0	8.5	8.4	12
Timothy Lake	3295	12-28	T	T	8.4	--	0
Vido	800	12-31	0	0.0	0.0	--	0
Waldo Lake	5500	d					
Weaver Creek	2440	12-24	0	0.0	T	--	2
White Branch Slide	2800	12-31	0	0.0	3.3	--	2
Whitewater Bridge	2175	12-23	0	0.0	2.7	--	3
Willamette Pass	5600	d					

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK ROGUE, UMPQUA WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
January 1, 1959

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE and OREGON AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

GENERAL OUTLOOK

Streamflow will be low in the Rogue-Umpqua this coming April-September unless storms during the rest of the winter begin producing heavy snowfall. Irrigators served from direct streamflow will be affected the most. Reservoir storage is good.

SNOW-COVER

Snow course measurements indicate one of the lowest January 1st readings on record. Rogue-Umpqua snow courses are only 16 percent of the January 1 normal water content. In a normal year, 37 percent of the mountain snow-pack is on the ground by January 1. This year only 4 percent has accumulated.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Fish Lake, Fourmile Lake and Hyatt Prairie hold well above average water supplies amounting to 250 percent normal. Emigrant is nearly empty for construction purposes.

STREAMFLOW

Flow of the Rogue at Raygold* was below normal in December at 58 percent. Its flow since October was 78 percent normal. The flow of the Umpqua at Elkton for October through December was 56 percent normal.

*Preliminary data from U.S. Geological Survey, Portland, Oregon

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Local water supply is expressed as "Poor," "Fair," "Average" or "Excellent".

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD		REMARKS
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	
Althouse Creek Applegate River, Big Applegate River, Little Ashlond Creek Butte Creek, Little Cow Creek Deer Creek Eagle Point Irrigation District Elk Creek Emigrant Creek (above Reservoir) Evons Creek Gold Hill Irrigation District Grants Pass Irrigation District Grove Creek Illinois River, East Fork Illinois River, West Fork Medford Irrigation District Neil Creek Red Blonket Creek Rogue River Rogue River Valley Irrigation District Sucker Creek Tobie Rock Irrigation District Tolent Irrigation District Thompson Creek Wagner Creek Williams Creek		Forecasts begin in the February 1 report which will reach you about February 9, 1959	

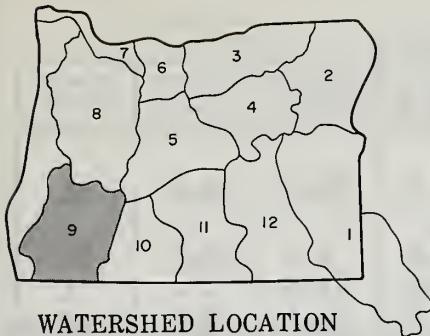
STREAMFLOW FORECASTS ^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	NORMAL ^b	
				FORECAST POINT NAME	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF NORMAL
7294	Applegate near Copper	d	April-Sept.	116 ^h	
7420A	Cleorwater above Trop Creek ^e	d	April-Sept.	64	
8321	Fourmile Loke net inflow ^e	d	April-Sept.	7.0	
8320	Hyott Reservoir net inflow ^e	d	April-Sept.	6.0	
712	Illinois River near Kerby ^e	d	April-Sept.	181	
7230	Little Butte, North Fork below Fish Loke ^e	d	April-Sept.	14.9	
722	Rogue above Prospect	d d	April-Sept. April-July	316 265	
7217	Rogue, Middle Fork near Prospect ^e	d d	April-Sept. April-July	74 58	
7282	Rogue, South Fork near Prospect ^e	d d	April-Sept. April-July	76 65	
7277	Rogue below South Fork	d d	April-Sept. April-July	680 553	
724	Rogue at Raygold near Central Point	d d	April-Sept. April-July	905 760	
7292	Rogue at Grants Pass	d	April-Sept.	852	
7419	Umpqua, North Fork below Lake Creek ^e	d	April-Sept.	164	

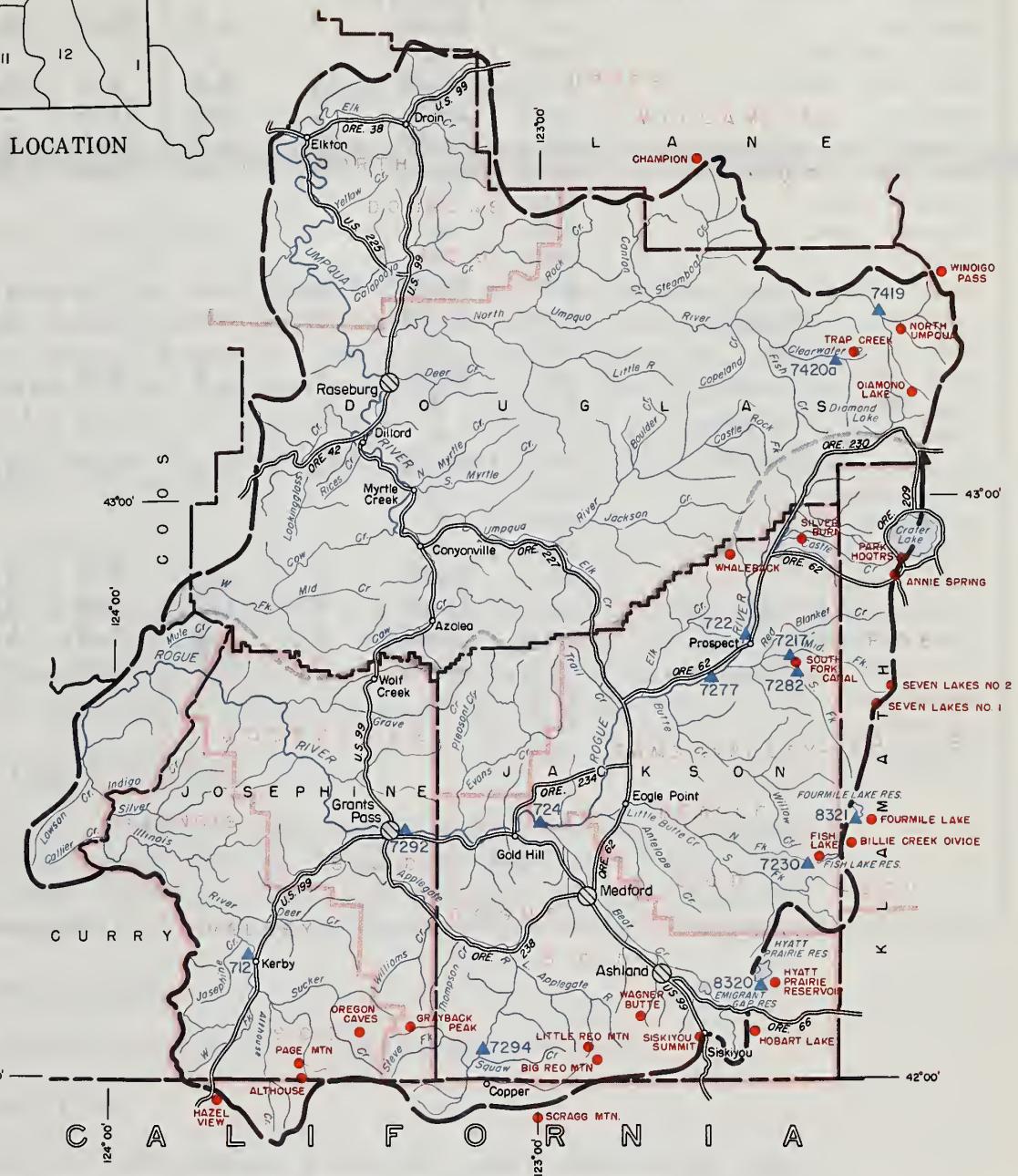
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^fAerial snow depth gage; water content estimated. ^gReport delayed. ^h1938-'39 excepted.

* Nov. 11, 1958

ROGUE, UMPQUA WATERSHEDS



SCALE IN MILES
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LEGEND

- Watershed Boundary
- Sub-watershed Boundary
- Soil Conservation District Bdry.
- County Boundary
- ▲ Forecast Point
- Snow Course

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL ^b
Emigrant Gap	8.3	0.2	4.6	4.0
Fish Lake	7.8	7.2	4.9	4.0
Fourmile Lake	16.1	12.2*	6.2	6.2
Hyatt Prairie	16.1	11.4	7.7	4.1

Rogue, Umpqua Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD
		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	NORMAL	
NAME	ELEVATION						
Althouse	4530	d					
Annie Spring	6018	12-24	5	0.7	22.3	16.6	11
Big Red Mountain	6500	d					
Billie Creek Divide	5300	12-29	13	2.0	--	10.0	11
Champion	4500	12-24	0	0.0	12.6	--	4
Diamond Lake	5315	12-30	12	2.8	11.4	8.7	15
Fish Lake	4865	12-26	T	T	6.2	5.7	12
Fourmile Lake	6000	d					
Grayback Peak	6000	d					
Hazel View	2500	d					
Hobart Lake	5010	12-27	6	--	--	--	3
Hyatt Prairie Reservoir	4900	12-27	9	--	3.3	3.7	13
Little Red Mountain	6500	d					
North Umpqua	4215	12-24	T	T	9.4	--	0
Oregon Caves	4000	d					
Page Mountain	4045	d					
Park Headquarters	6450	12-24	11	3.4	32.3	23.7	7
Scragg Mountain	6200	d					
Seven Lakes No. 1	6800	d					
Seven Lakes No. 2	6200	d					
Silver Burn	3720	12-29	8	1.5	7.0	3.8	15
Siskiyou Summit	4630	12-28	8	1.2	2.8	3.1	13
South Fork Canal	3500	12-29	T	T	1.9	1.2	14
Trap Creek	3800	12-24	0	0.0	6.3	--	0
Wagner Butte	6900	d					
Whaleback	5140	d					
Windigo Pass	5800	d					

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK KLAMATH WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
January 1, 1959

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE and OREGON AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

GENERAL OUTLOOK

Streamflow in Klamath Basin will be below average in the Klamath Basin this summer unless marked increases occur in the mountain snow-pack. Ground water contributions particularly in the Upper Klamath Lake basin will offset this condition to some extent in that area. Reservoired water supplies are much above normal.

SNOW-COVER

Present snow-cover is 21 percent of normal and 16 percent of last year. Only 5 percent of the normal winter snow-pack has accumulated whereas usually 38 percent is on the ground by January 1.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Upper Klamath Lake and Clear Lake are two-thirds full; while Gerber is almost one-half full. The three reservoirs are 142 percent of the 1938-52 normal.

SOIL-MOISTURE

Mountain soils are moderately wetted.

STREAMFLOW

Inflow into Upper Klamath Lake* continues above normal with an October through December flow of 134 normal.

*Preliminary data from California-Oregon Power Company, Medford, Oregon

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK^a

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STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD		REMARKS
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	
Ft. Klamath Valley			
Lost River (Clear Lake)			
Lost River (Gerber)			
Lost River (Willow Reservoir)			
Sprague River			
Upper Klamath Lake			
Williamson River			

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	NORMAL ^b	
				THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF NORMAL	
823	Clear Lake Reservoir net inflow ^b	d d	April - Sept. March - July	49 86	
8215	Gerber Reservoir net inflow ^b	d d	April - Sept. March - July	24 42	
8421	Sprague near Chiloquin	d	April - Sept.	253	
832	Upper Klamath Lake net inflow ^b	d d	April - Sept. April - July	526 424	
8419	Williamson below Sprague River	d d	April - Sept. April - July	406 340	

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

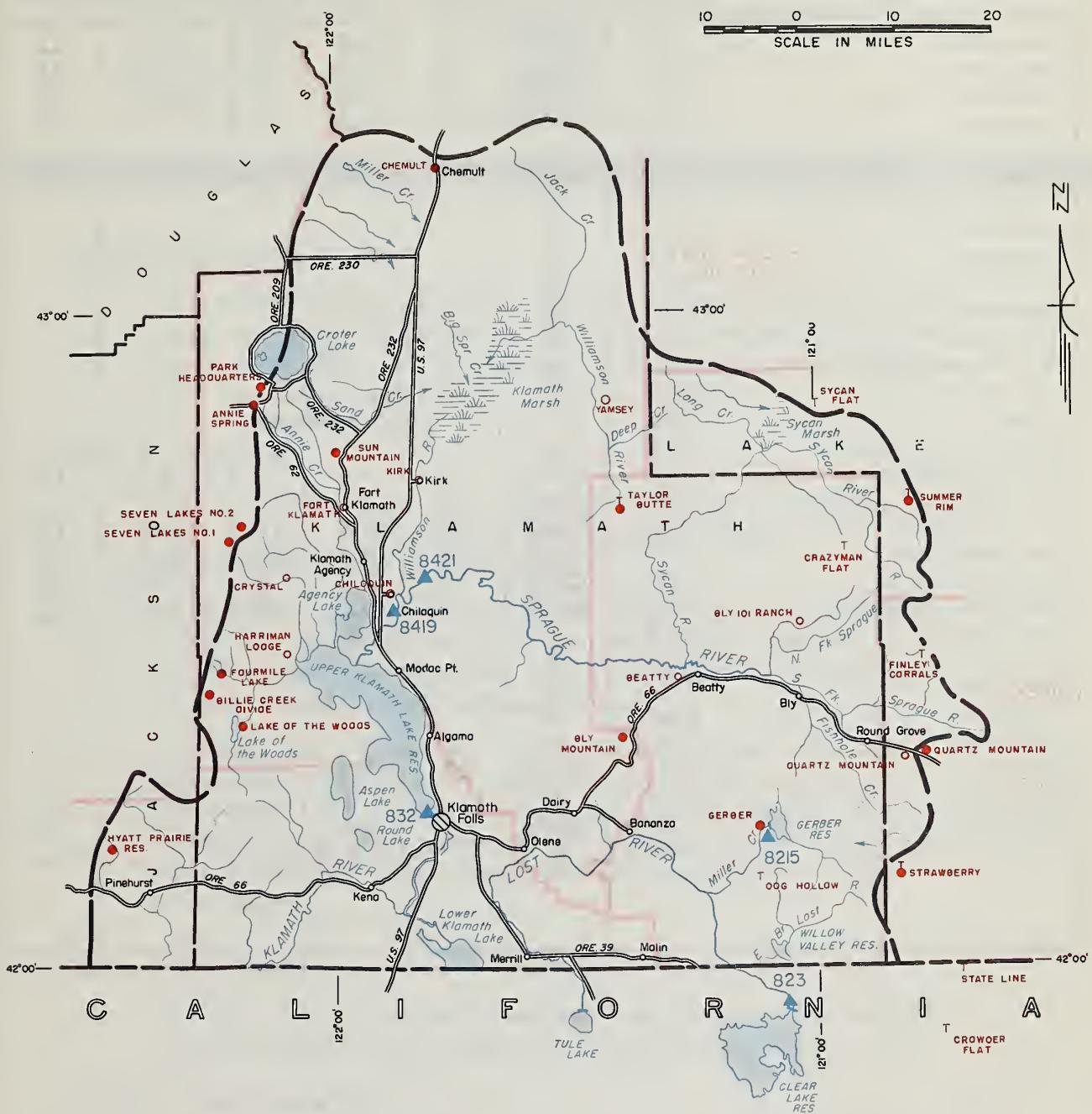
RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL ^b
Clear Lake	440.2 ⁱ	284.0	301.3	182.0 ^j
Gerber	94.0	44.2	57.6	31.6 ^j
Upper Klamath Lake	584.0	397.7	387.6	299.4

^aAssuming normal meteorological conditions. ^b1938-'52, 15 year period. ^cNumber of years in 1938-'52 period. ^dNot scheduled. ^eCorrected to natural flow.
^fAerial snow depth gage; water content estimated. ^gReport delayed. ^hFrom COPCO or USBR records of inflow. ⁱFlashboards increase capacity to 513.0.

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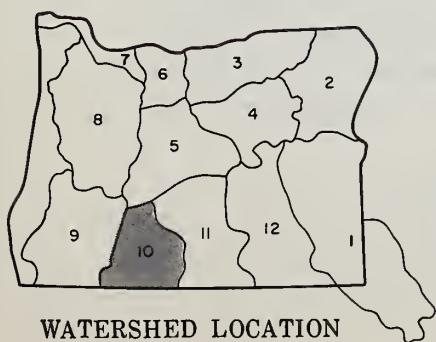
KLAMATH WATERSHEDS

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SCALE IN MILES



LEGEND

- Watershed Boundary
- Sub-watershed Boundary
- Soil Conservation District Bdry
- County Boundary
- Forecast Point
- Snow Course
- Aerial Snow Depth Gage
- COPCO Snow Station



WATERSHED LOCATION

Klamath Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD
NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches) LAST YEAR	NORMAL	
Annie Spring	6018	12-24	5	0.7	22.3	16.6	11
Beatty (Copco)	4300	12-31	0	0.0	0.5	0.2	15
Billie Creek Divide	5300	12-29	13	2.0	--	10.0	11
Bly Mountain	5090	12-30	4	0.9	3.3	--	0
Bly IOI Ranch (Copco)	4800	g					
Chemult	4760	12-28	11	1.9	4.4	4.5	14
Chiloquin (Copco)	4187	g					
Crazyman Flat f	6100	d					
Crowder Flat f	5200	d					
Crystal (Copco)	4200	g					
Dog Hollow f	4900	d					
Finley Corrals f	6000	d					
Fort Klamath (Copco)	4150	g					
Fourmile Lake	6000	d					
Gerber	4850			Not surveyed			
Harriman Lodge (Copco)	4200	g					
Hyatt Prairie Reservoir	4900	12-27	9	--	3.3	3.7	13
Kirk (Copco)	4533	g					
Lake of the Woods	4960	12-28	8	1.7	8.3	3.8	15
Park Headquarters	6450	12-24	11	3.4	32.3	23.7	7
Quartz Mountain	5320	12-31	5	1.1	2.4	2.9	13
Quartz Mountain (Copco)	5504	12-31	5	1.4	3.2	3.1	14
Seven Lakes No. 1	6800	d					
Seven Lakes No. 2	6200	d					
State Line f	5750	d					
Strawberry	5600	d					
Summer Rim	7200	d					
Sun Mountain	5350	12-29	17	3.1	14.1	11.1	13
Sycan Flat f	5500	d					
Taylor Butte	5100	12-29	5	1.4	--	--	0
Yamsey (Copco)	4600	g					

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK LAKE COUNTY, GOOSE LAKE WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
January 1, 1959

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE and OREGON AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

GENERAL OUTLOOK

The 1959 water supply outlook at this early-winter date for Lake County is not good. However, stored water supplies in Drews Reservoir are a little above the average and soils are well wetted.

SNOW-COVER

Water content of the present snow-pack is less than half of the January 1 average and about half of the amount on hand a year ago.

As a rule, about half of the normal winter "snow crop" is accumulated by January 1st. However, the present snow-cover is equal to only 20 percent of the usual snow accumulation.

A series of 15 aerial snow depth gages will be observed from the air again this year during the last weeks of January, February and March. These observations, coupled with regular snow surveys will provide added data for the analysis of the snow-pack.

SOIL-MOISTURE

Valley lands are well wetted while the soil mantle in the higher snow-pack is moderately wet.

RESERVOIRED WATER

Storage has not begun in Cottonwood yet but Drews Valley Reservoir holds 35,000 acre feet now which is a little more than the 32,200 acre feet in storage a year ago.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

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STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD		REMARKS
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	
Chewaucan River			
Crooked Creek			
Deep Creek			
Dry Creek			
East Side Goose Lake			
Guano Lake			
Honey Creek			
Lakeview Water Users Association			
Rock Creek			
Silver-Buck Creeks			
Summer Lake			
Thomas Creek			
Twentymile Creek			
Warner Lakes			

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS ^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

NO.	NAME	FORECAST POINT		NORMAL ^b	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF NORMAL
		FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD		
924	Chewaucan near Paisley	d	April - June	73	
9127	Deep above Adel	d	April - June	67	
814	Drew Reservoir net inflow	d d	April - July March - July	30 ^h 44 ^h	
9114	Haney near Plush	d	April - June	15.6 ⁱ	
916	Twentymile near Adel	d	April - June	21 ^j	

SNOW

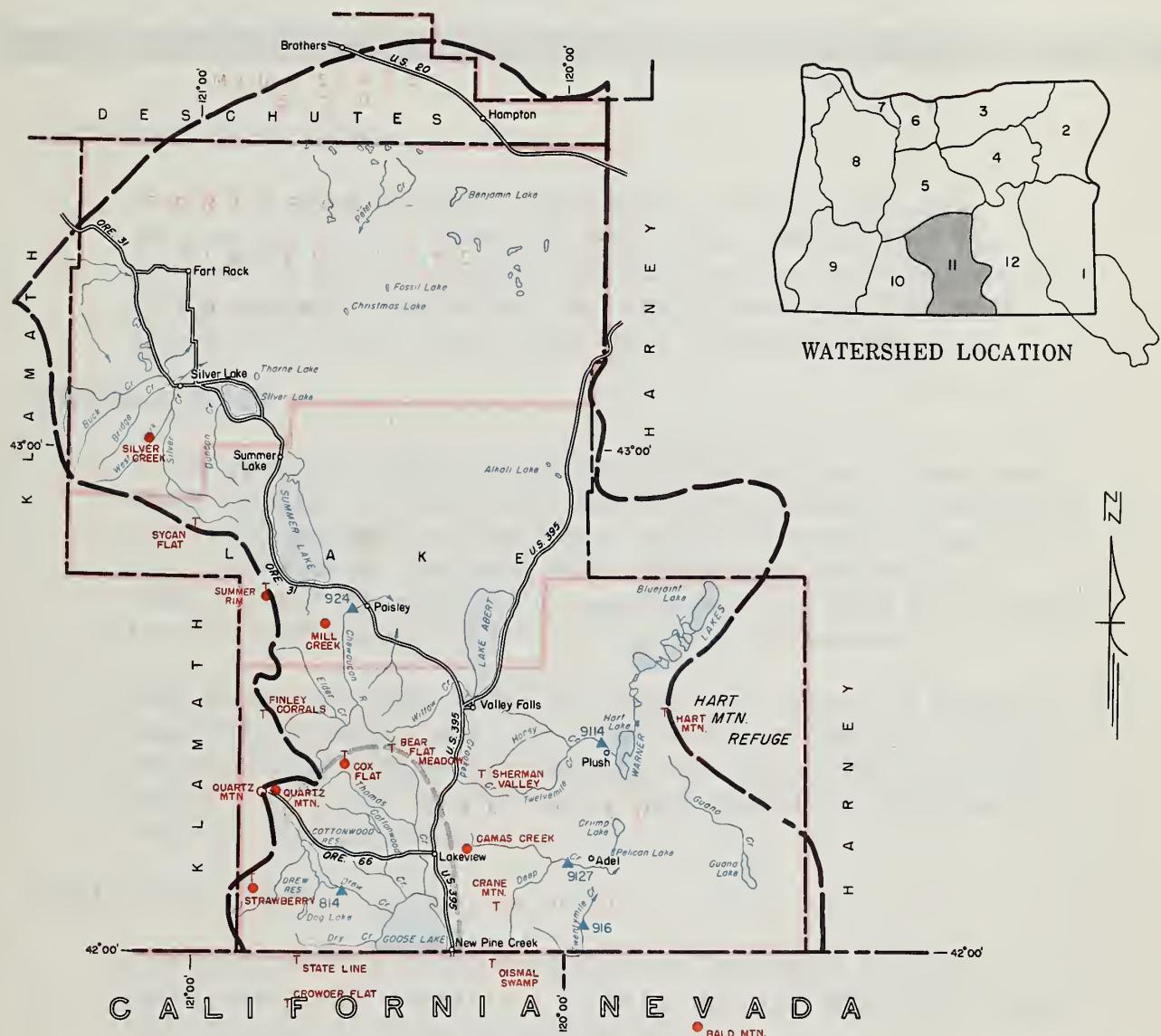
NAME	ELEVATION	CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF ^c RECORD	
		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)			
					LAST YEAR	NORMAL ^b		
Bald Mountain	6720	g						
Bear Flat Meadow ^f	5900	d						
Camas Creek	5720	d						
Cox Flat ^f	5750	d						
Crane Mountain ^f	6020	d						
Crawder Flat ^f	5200	d						
Dismal Swamp ^f (Calif.)	7000	d						
Finley Carrals ^f	6000	d						
Hart Mauntain ^f	6350	d						
Mill Creek	6200	d						
Quartz Mauntain (COPCO)	5504	12-31	5	1.4	3.2	3.1	14	
Quartz Mauntain	5320	12-31	5	1.1	2.4	2.9	13	
Sherman Valley ^f	6600	d						
Silver Creek	4900	12-29	3	0.8	3.1	--	0	
State Line ^f	5750	d						
Strawberry	5600	d						
Summer Rim	7200	d						
Sycan Flat ^f	5500	d						

^aAssuming normal meteorological conditions. ^b1938-'52, 15 year period. ^cNumber of years in 1938-'52 period. ^dNot scheduled. ^eCorrected to natural flow.

^fAerial snow depth gage; water content estimated. ^gReport delayed. ^h1942, '43 and '45 excepted. ⁱ1942 excepted. ^j1938-'40 excepted.

LAKE COUNTY, GOOSE LAKE WATERSHEDS

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SCALE IN MILES



RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL b
Cottonwood	4.1	.0	.0	.0
Drew	62.5	35.0	32.2	32.6 ⁱ

LEGEND

- Watershed Boundary
- Sub-watershed Boundary
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- County Boundary
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Lake County, Goose Lake Watersheds

"The Conservation of Water begins with the Snow Survey"

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK HARNEY BASIN WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
January 1, 1959

U.S.DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE and OREGON AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

GENERAL OUTLOOK

The 1959 water supply outlook for Harney County, at this early-winter date, is not good. However, the arrival in early January of some real cold temperatures may foreshadow a return to real winter weather with the beginning of some real snow accumulation.

SNOW-COVER

Snow surveys report no snow on six regularly measured snow courses in the north half of the county. Normally, about 40 percent of the total winter's "snow crop" is accumulated by January 1st. This year there is no "snow crop" as yet! It is possible, although not likely, that future storms will make up the difference.

Beginning the last week of January a series of 8 aerial snow depth gages will be observed from the air. These observations, made the last of January, February and March, will add to the snow data normally provided by regular snow surveys.

SOIL-MOISTURE

The soil mantle in Harney County watersheds is only moderately well wetted. Precipitation* has been only half normal at Burns since October 1.

*Preliminary data provided by U.S. Weather Bureau, Portland, Oregon

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STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD		REMARKS
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	
Catlow Valley			
Cow Creek			
Donner und Blitzen River			Forecasts begin in the February 1 report which will reach you about February 9, 1959
Mill - Coffeepot Creeks			
Rattlesnake Creek			
Silver Creek			
Silvies River			
Soldier- Prather Creek			
Trout Creek			
Whitehorse Creek			

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	NORMAL ^b	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF NORMAL
NO.	NAME				
953	Donner und Blitzen near Frenchglen	d	April - Sept.	66	
966	Silvies near Burns	d	April - Sept.	102	
974	Trout near Denio	d	April - Sept.	9.6	

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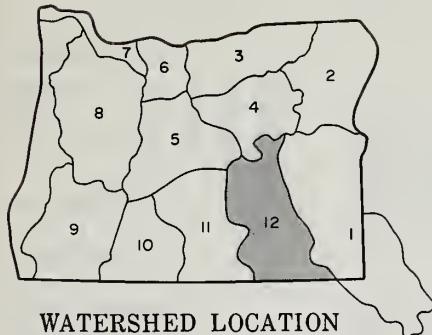
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	PAST RECORD		YEARS OF ^c RECORD
NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	NORMAL ^b	
Blue Mountain Springs	5900	12-22	0	0.0	7.2	6.3	15
Delintment Lake	5600	d					
Disaster Peak	6500	g					
Emigrant Butte	5000	d					
Fish Creek	7900	d					
Hart Mountain ^f	6350	d					
Idlewild Camp	5200	12-23	0	0.0	1.3	2.5	14
Izee Summit	5293	12-22	0	0.0	2.4	3.2	10
Lake Creek	5120	d					
Riddle Creek ^f	5800	d					
Rock Spring ^f	5100	12-23	0	0.0	1.6	2.5	14
Silvies	6900	d					
Snow Mountain	6300	d					
Starr Ridge	5150	12-22	0	0.0	1.8	2.1	10
Stinking Water	4800	12-29	T	T	1.5	1.9	10
Trout Creek ^f	7800	d					

^aAssuming normal meteorological conditions. ^b1938-'52, 15 year period. ^cNumber of years in 1938-'52 period. ^dNot scheduled. ^eCorrected to natural flow.

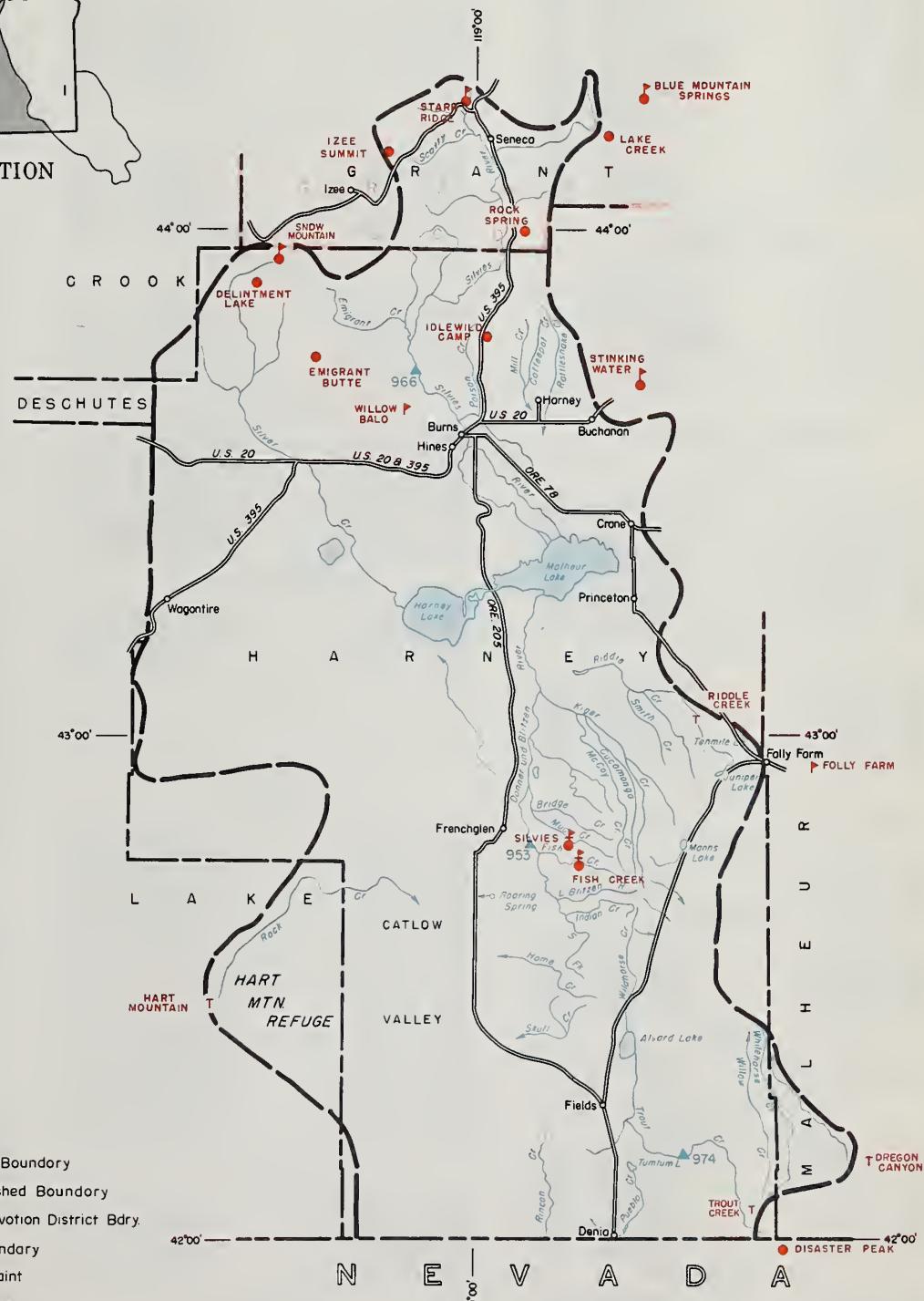
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HARNEY BASIN WATERSHEDS

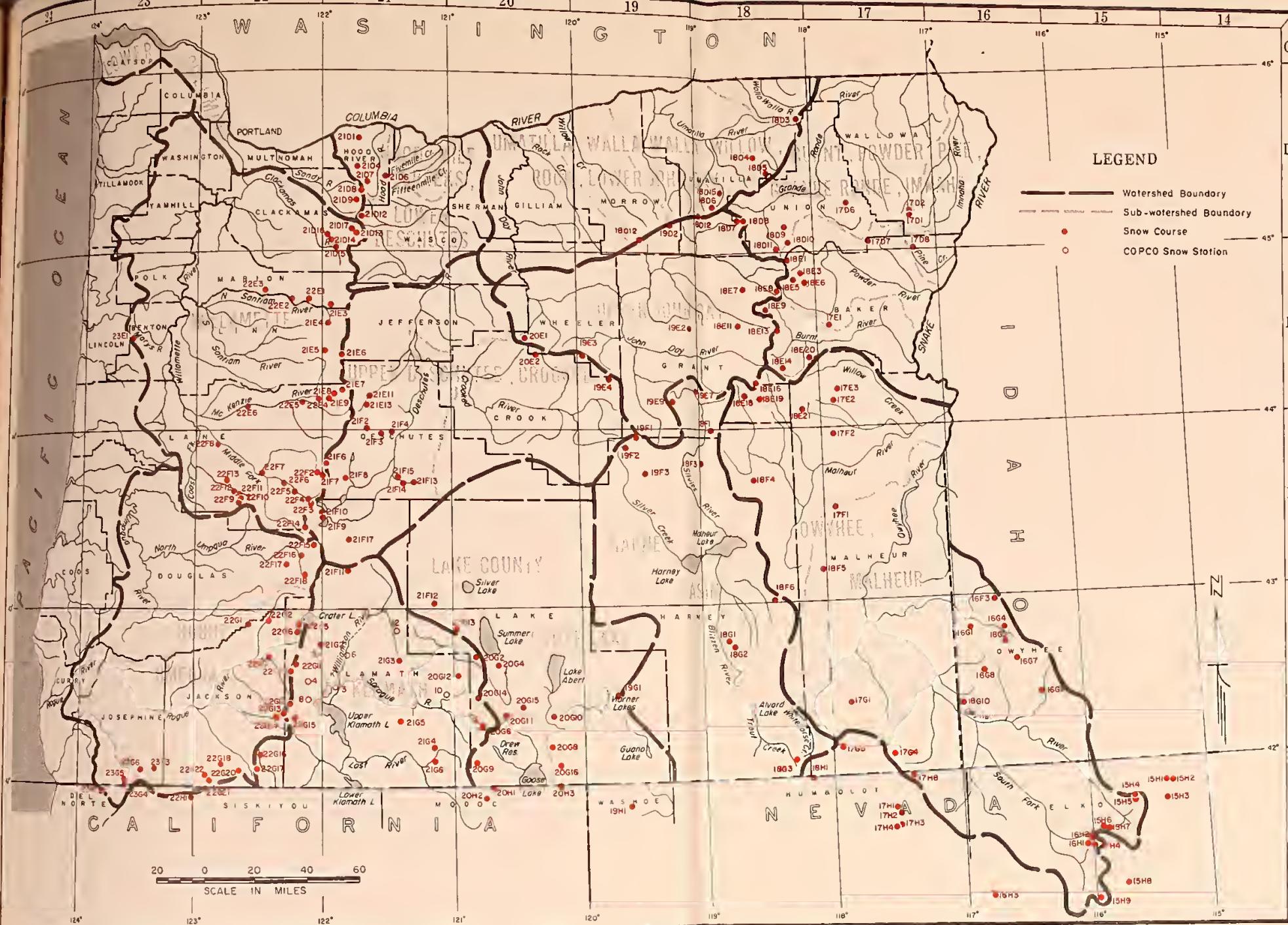
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WATERSHED LOCATION



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MAP and INDEX to OREGON SNOW COURSES

Watershed	Name	Location	Elev	Number	Name	Location	Elev	Number	Name	Location	Elev	Number	Name	Location	Elev	Number	Name	Location	Elev	
		Sec	Twp	Rge		Sec	Twp	Rge		Sec	Twp	Rge		Sec	Twp	Rge		Sec	Twp	Rge
OWYHEE, MALHEUR WATERSHEDS (1)																				
OWYHEE RIVER (Cont'd.)																				
Barren Valley	17H6	Quinn Ridge	(Nev)	9	47N	41E	6300	17H6	Rodeo Flat	(Nev)	36	43N	53E	6800	17H6	Aneroid Lake No. 1	16	4S	45E	7480
Battle Creek	17H7	76 Creek	(Nev)	6	44N	58E	7100	17H7	Shumway Ranch	(Nev)	29	23S	39E	4400	17D1	Aneroid Lake No. 2	16	4S	45E	7000
Bear Creek	17H8	Silver City	(Ida)	6	5S	3E	6400	18E1	Anthony Lake	(Ida)	18	7S	37E	7125	17D1	Barney Creek	16	14S	36E	5950
Big Bend	17H9	Silvies	(Nev)	35	32S	32E	6900	18E1	Blue Mountain Summit	(Ida)	6	12S	36E	5098	18D9	Beaver Reservoir	8	5S	53E	5340
Briscin, Lower	17H10	South Mountain No. 2	(Ida)	35	37S	5W	6340	18E1	Doooley Mountain	(Ida)	32	11S	40E	5430	18D11	Camp Carson	33	6S	36E	5970
Briscin, Upper	17H11	Taylor Canyon	(Nev)	35	39N	53E	6200	18E2	Eldorado Pass	(Ida)	20	14S	38E	6400	18D6	Lucky Strike	28	4S	34E	4800
Ball Basin	17H12	Tremewan Ranch	(Nev)	9	39N	55E	5700	18E3	Gold Center	(Ida)	21	9S	36E	5340	18D5	Meacham	28	3S	35E	4300
Blister Peak	17H13	*Triangle	(Ida)	25	7S	3W	5150	18E9	Tipton	(Ida)	34	10S	35E	5100	17D1	Moss Spring	28	3S	41E	5850
Fish Creek	17H14	Trout Creek	(Nev)	10	41S	38E	7800	18D10	Summit Springs	(Ida)	28	4S	34E	4775	17D7	Still Creek	25	3S	8E	3700
Iron Canyon	17H15		(Nev)	31	43N	56E	6700	17D7	Taylor Green	(Ida)	3	6S	42E	5740	17D7	Tilly Jane	15	2S	9E	6000
Gold Creek	17H16		(Nev)	31	45N	56E	6600	18D1	Tollgate	(Ida)	32	4N	38E	5070	17D1	Anthony Lake	18	7S	37E	7125
Granite Peak	17H17	Barney Creek	(Nev)	22	44N	39E	7800	18E1	Blue Mountain Spring	(Ida)	21	15S	35E	5900	18E5	Bourne	33	8S	37E	5800
Highway Camp	17H18		(Ida)	26	27S	38E	4200	17E5	Bonita	(Ida)	5	16S	40E	6100	17E1	Dooley Mountain	32	11S	40E	5430
Hide Pasture	17H19		(Ida)	10	11S	1E	5700	18E21	Bullseye Creek	(Ida)	10	17S	37E	5300	17D1	Ellertson Meadows	18	8S	38E	5400
Jack Creek, Lower	17H20		(Ida)	31	8S	2W	5800	17E2	Clover Creek	(Ida)	36	16S	39E	4100	18E8	Goodrich Lake	4	9S	38E	6775
Jack Creek, Upper	17H21		(Ida)	9	42N	53E	7250	17E3	*Cottonwood-Indian	(Ida)	24	16S	36E	5375	18D10	Summit Springs	9	6S	37E	6000
Jack Peak	17H22		(Ida)	28	42N	53E	8200	18E19	Crane Prairie	(Ida)	24	16S	36E	5375	17D7	Taylor Green	3	6S	42E	5740
House Canyon	17H23		(Ida)	27	40S	44E	6100	18E20	Eldorado Pass	(Ida)	20	16S	33E	5120	17D1	IMNAHA RIVER				
Martin Creek	17H24		(Ida)	18	44N	40E	6700	18E21	Lake Creek	(Ida)	10	16S	33E	5120	17D8	PINE CREEK				
Midas	17H25		(Ida)	18	39N	46E	7200	18F6	Riddle Creek	(Ida)	23	18S	32E	5100	17D9	UMATILLA RIVER				
Mir Plat	17H26		(Ida)	34	9S	2W	5500	18F1	Rock Spring	(Ida)	29	23S	39E	4400	19D2	Arbuckle Mountain	35	6S	45E	5400
Rocky Sheep Camp	17H27		(Ida)	23	10S	4W	5450	18F4	Stinking Water	(Ida)	33	21S	34E	4800	17D8	PIKE CREEK				
Oregon Canyon	17H28		(Ida)	9	40S	40E	7240	18F4							17D9	SHUNWAY RANCH				
Metric snow depth gage																				

Watershed	Name	Location	Elev	Number	Name	Location	Elev	Number	Name	Location	Elev	Number	Name	Location	Elev	Number	Name	Location	Elev	
		Sec	Twp	Rge		Sec	Twp	Rge		Sec	Twp	Rge		Sec	Twp	Rge		Sec	Twp	Rge
UMATILLA RIVER (Cont'd.)																				
WILLAMETTE WATERSHEDS (8)																				
18D12	Battle Mountain Summit	29	3S	31E	4340	21D15	Big Bottom	25	6S	7E	2118	20H2	*Crowder Flat	(Cal)	30	47N	11E	5200		
18D4	Emigrant Springs	29	1N	35E	3925	21D16	Clackamas Lake	35	5S	8E	3400	21G1	*Dog Hollow	1	40S	14E	4900			
18D6	Lucky Strike	28	3S	32E	5050	21D17	Clear Lake	29	4S	9E	3500	21G2	*Finley Corrala	11	36S	10E	6000			
18D15	Pearson Creek	31	2S	33E	3000	21D18	Lake Harriet	4	6S	7E	2045	21G4	Garber	12	39S	13E	4850			
18D5	Meacham	24 & 25	1S	35E	4300	21D19	Peavine Ridge	14 & 15	6S	7E	3500	22G1	Hyatt Prairie Reservoir	15	39S	3E	4900			
18D3	Tollgate	32	4N	38E	5070	21D20	Phlox Point	6	3S	9E	5600	22G5	Lake of the Woods	11	37S	5E	4960			
WALLA WALLA RIVER																				
18D3	Tollgate	32	4N	38E	5070	21D21	Still Creek	25	3S	8E	3700	2006	Park Headquarters	8	38S	16E	5320			
WILLOW CREEK																				
19D2	Arbuckle Mountain	33	4S	29E	5400	21D22	Timothy Lake	26	5S	8E	3295	22G10								

CORRECTIONS - SNOW MAP AND INDEX

NEW SNOW COURSES (Too late for map entry)

Number	Name	Location			Elev.
		Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	
OWYHEE RIVER					
18G7	*"V" Lake	31	35½S	32¾E	6600
MALHEUR RIVER					
18F7	*Call Meadows	29	20S	33E	5340
18E22	*Logan Valley	13	16S	33½E	5100
HOOD RIVER					
21D20	Pineball Springs	31	1S	11E	3850
21D21	Urich Ranch Junction	28	1S	11E	3350
MILE CREEKS - MOSIER CREEK					
21D20	Pineball Springs	31	1S	11E	3850
21D21	Urich Ranch Junction	28	1S	11E	3350
UMPQUA RIVER					
22F19	Diamond-Crater Summit	34	28S	6E	5800
KLAMATH RIVER					
22G24	Cold Springs Camp	12	35S	5E	6100
22F19	Diamond-Crater Summit	34	28S	6E	5800
21F18	Diamond Lake Jpt. (97)	1	29S	7E	4600
22G25	Pelican Guard Station	9	36S	6E	4150
SILVIES RIVER - SILVER CREEK					
18F7	*Call Meadows	29	20S	33E	5340
DONNER AND BLITZEN RIVER					
18G7	*"V" Lake	31	35½S	32¾E	6600
TROUT and WHITE HORSE CREEKS					
18G6	*Denio Creek	14	41S	34E	6000

ERRATA

- 16G10 *Bull Basin - should read Range 5 west.
- 18F6 *Riddle Creek - is aerial snow depth gage.
- 17G5 *Oregon Canyon - is aerial snow depth gage.
- 18G5 *Trout Creek - is aerial snow depth gage and
is shown incorrectly as 18G3.
- 18D12 Shown in 19 D block on map should be deleted.

*Aerial snow depth gage.

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